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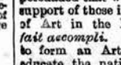

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BUSINESS.

1. To receive and adopt Trustees' Reports and audited statements of accounts for 1898 and 1899.
2. To pass rules annexed to their Report for 1898.
3. To consider the question relating to execution of the decree in the Caste suit No. 43 of 1896, referred to in Trustees Report for 1898.
4. To consider the question of payment of costs of Suits Nos. 43 and 437 of 1894 referred to in the Trustees' Report for 1899.
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7 To elect New Trustees in place of the present ones who retire, and to elect auditors.

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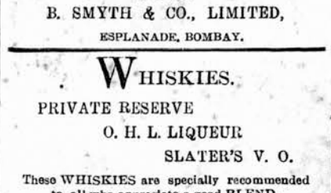

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Colour-Sergeant Instructor Jno. Howarth, Chemics Regiment, Chester, writes :—"I suffered from Rheumatism in my arms and legs for over five years. I also had a bruised shin bone, through which I could rest only for a few minutes at a time. All sorts of remedies were applied, but none did any good for more than a few days. After a while I was recommended to try 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' which I did, and on taking the first bottle I felt relief. I therefore continued with this excellent medicine, and it effected a perfect cure. This was more than a year ago and I am pleased to say I have not felt the least pain since—in fact, I am in as good health as ever I was in my life.

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"May 18, 1900."

Mr George Price, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, writes :—"I feel that I should write you a few lines in praise of Clarke's Blood Mixture. I have been suffering these last few years with Eczema and pimples, which prevented me following my occupation, and I can safely say I have spent scores of pounds in all sorts of other medicines. A little while ago however, I was advised by a friend of mine who has taken Clarke's Blood Mixture, to try a bottle, and to my great relief I am a new man and able at the present time to go on with my business, being now quite well. In fact, I cannot give it too much praise. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this testimonial for the benefit of others who may be suffering from the same complaint.

"December 29, 1899."

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 43m. Sun sets, 6h. 2m. High water 3-46m., 3-38s. Low water, 9-40m. 9-33s.
Banks closed : Parsee New Year's Day.
Rovers' Football Tournament begins.
Music on the Esplanade, 5-45 p.m.

CRICKET.

Jackal Club vs. Bombay Gymkhana.
B. V. A. vs. Eastern Telegraph.
Presidency vs. Parsees, at Poona.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 5h. 43m. Sun sets. 6h. 1m. High water, 4-57m., 4-42s. Low water, 11-16 m., 12-2s.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan, per extra s.s. Bormida, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 10 a.m., on Monday, the 17th instant.

A LECTURE ON SMOKING.—A lecture in English on "Smoking, its History and Mystery," will be delivered by Mr. D. D. Gilder, hon. secretary, Indian Temperance Association and Bombay Temperance Council, to-morrow, at the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society.

A DESERTED CHILD.—A female child, about a year old, apparently of a low caste (Hindu), was on Thursday afternoon, found lying on the footpath on Clerk Road, by one Vishnoo Govind, a Municipal peon, employed in the Death Registration Department. The police were informed, and they proceeded to the spot and found the child wrapped up in an old saree. The child was apparently suffering from exposure. It was immediately removed to the Bai Motibai Hospital, where it was admitted and is now doing well. The child has evidently been abandoned by the parents.

MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Trevithick, A.-D.-C. and officers the Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Esplanade Bandstand, commencing at 5-45 p.m., to-day (weather permitting.) :—

Quick March	Luschwitz.
Overture	French Comedy
Selection	Keler Bela.
Waltz	Harry Dacre's Songs.
Valse	F. Adlam.
Gavotte	Eldorado
Galop	Faust.
	Poltergeister
	Faust.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

THE PARSI NEW YEAR'S DAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is with feelings of pain and disgust I, with many others, have observed since the establishment of the Presidency-Parsee Match by H. E. Lord Harris, the representatives of the Parsees play their return match at Poona on their greatest religious days of the year their New Year's Day. By selecting these days they degrade the whole Parsee community, as regards its religion in the eyes of the other Indian races and European communities. The members of the selection committee of the Parsee team are fully aware that the Hindu, Mahomedan and Christian communities hold in religious respect their respective new year's days, and avoid taking any part in cricket matches and other like amusements on that sacred day.

Despite their knowledge of the above fact, and with the precedents of other communities before their eyes, it is grievous to observe the Parsee selection committee following the same irreligious course year after year. This opening day of the year is obviously meant for frequenting the places of worship and spending the rest of the time in innocent amusement at one's place in the company of the members and relatives of the family. The majority of the Parsees desire to see some change introduced by the joint efforts of the Bombay Gymkhana and the Parsee selection committees so as to avoid the clash between one of the match days and the Parsee New Year's Day.

Sir, it is also grieves me to see this day is not observed as a holiday by the Bombay High Court authorities when the same is done to the New Year's Day of the Christians and the Hindus. By this non-observance the members of the Parsee legal profession, which forms no small portion of the whole, are put to great trouble and inconvenience in attending their offices and courts to watch the interests of their clients. I am sure if a suitable petition, pointing out the trouble and inconvenience and above all the sacredness of the day, is presented by the Parsee lawyers to the highest dignitary who at present presides over the Temple of Justice in Bombay, it would meet with a favourable reply from the Chief Justice with his characteristic goodness.

For the last two or three years the Bombay University authorities have, after looking to the reasonableness of the demands made by the Parsee medical students, discontinued taking the second or the third year medical examination during the present religious days of the Parsees, as they have also kindly done in other occasions for the Hindus during their Divali holidays and for the Jews on Saturdays. However at present I fail to see any reason why the Government educational authorities in Bombay have changed this consistent principle of holding no examinations on great religious holidays, a principle which is, as mentioned above, followed by the Bombay University owing to its soundness. I hear that from last year the preliminary examination of all the matric students of Government schools is to take place on the educational authorities, held on days which are also very sacred with the Parsees; I mean the holidays of Khordadsal—the birth-day of Zoroaster—and Ameridasal which will occur next week. The first day of the two fs as sacred to the Zoroastrians as Good Friday is to the followers of Jesus Christ. As it is still a beginning in this direction it is advisable before it is too late, for the Parsee teachers of all the Government schools particularly of the Presidency school, to forward a respectful protest against this arrangement on behalf of the voiceless Parsee students.—Yours, etc.,

Sept. 13. COMMON SENSE.

BOMBAY NATIVE GENERAL LIBRARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Will you be kind enough to give me an opportunity of removing the misunderstanding, which, I fear, is likely to be caused by the way in which my remarks are given at the end of your report, in today's issue of the annual general meeting of the above library ? In hoping that all the members would, in future, take the trouble to send in their voting papers," I did not mean to imply that the managing committee, as at present elected by the thirty-four few, was not "strong and representative." I did that evening speak of the desirability of a strong and representative committee ; but that was in my other remarks with respect to the book committee. As for the managing committee, I, for one, cannot conceive of a better selection than the one already made. In my remarks about the voting papers, I only tried to give expression to what I felt at the scrutiny : how sad to see so few members taking any interest in the affairs of the library. This can be made clearer by my closing remarks that evening, in which I said that as young India had now-a-days all sorts of political aspirations, and were constantly talking of the rights of voting and representation, it was pitiful to see so many not taking advantage of the training-ground afforded them by such cases as these, where they had a splendid opportunity of satisfying, in a humble way, some of their legitimate aspirations.—Yours, &c.,

NOSHIR NANABHAI MASTER.

September 14.

THE ORIENTAL AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

At the third ordinary general meeting of the Oriental Agency Co., Ld., held at its registered office, 29, Jambulwadi, Kalbadevi Road, at 3 p.m. on the 13th inst., the following gentlemen were present :—

Messrs. Dayabhoy Tapidas, chairman ; W. R. Kerkar, B. V. Nerurkar, D. S. Khot, K. N. Patkar, M. V. Rege, D. S. Bhandarkar, G. M. Parulekar, V. Y. Manjrekar, L. V. Manjrekar N. B. Deshapande, Deoji Khetasi, L. R. Godbole, D. V. Manjrekar and H. G. Charpure. The following resolutions were unanimously passed ;—

1. Proposed by Mr. Dayabhoy Tapidas and seconded by Mr. V. Y. Manjrekar, that the audited balance-sheet together with the directors report for the year ending the 15th June, 1900 be adopted.

2. Proposed by Mr. W. R. Kerkar and seconded by Mr. D. S. Bhandarkar that a dividend at Rs. 2 per share be declared free of income-tax and that the dividend be paid on and after the 1st October 1900 to the registered shareholders.

3. Proposed by Mr. B. V. Nerurkar and seconded by Mr. K. N. Patkar, that Messrs. Dayabhoy Tapidas and W. D. Chambers be re-elected directors for the current year.

4. Proposed by Mr. N. B. Deshapande and seconded by Mr. D. S. Khot, that Mr. V. J. Pagnis be reappointed auditor of the company for the current year on a remuneration of Rs. 75.

5. Proposed by Mr. M. V. Rege and seconded by Mr. B. V. Nerurkar, that a vote of thanks be given to the chairman and directors for the wise directions given by them to the company from time to time.

6. Proposed by Mr. W. R. Kerkar and seconded by Mr. D. S. Bhandarkar, that a vote of thanks be given to the managing agents for their able management of the company.

7 Proposed by Mr. B. V. Nerurkar and seconded by Mr. D. S. Khote that a vote of thanks be given to the president for his able conduct in the chair.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. D'CO. BALDUINO.

THE following is the list of passengers per Italian steamer D'Co. Balduino, sailing to-morrow, at 2 p.m. Passengers are requested to be on board not later than 1 p.m. — Victoria Dock, No. 7 Shed :—

	FOR GENOA.
Mrs T H Hardy	Revd Iron
Mr H Farmenter	Mrs Iron
Mr Kadry Beg	Mr A Collora
Consul Gen'l of Turkey)	Mrs Collora and infant
Lieut Colley	Mr E Donara
Capt Middleton	European nurse of
Mrs Middleton	Mrs Middleton
Mr William Bourne	Mrs Macartney and daughter
Mr Sydney Smythe	Mrs Alexander with
Mr R Rea	Mr Moti Bulasa
Mr N Chatterjee	
Mrs Musy	

THE SEASON OUTLOOK IN MADRAS.

THE following is the Board of Revenue's telegraphic summary for the week ending the 8th instant :—

"Rainfall is good and seasonable almost everywhere. Water-supply in large works is adequate and improving in smaller. Agricultural operations are proceeding briskly almost everywhere. Standing crop is fair to good and improving. Harvests of moderate areas are yielding fairly. Pasturage is abundant and fodder generally sufficient. Cattle is normal. Prices are fairly stationary, and showing a downward tendency in the southern half of the Presidency. Prospects have much improved with the rainfall of the week, which continues. Test-work, one in Kistna, workers 1,459 ; wavers in Cuddapah 3,036 ; total relieved 2,417 men, 1,070 women and 137 children."

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. MR. JUSTICE FULTON and the Hon. MR. JUSTICE BATTY.)

REVERSAL OF CONVICTION AND SENTENCE.

IMPERATRIX vs. ABIRAM RASID PATEL.

THIS was an appeal from a decision of Mr. F. X. De Souza, Additional Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, who, on the 23rd June last, convicted the accused of fraudulently and dishonestly using as genuine a forged document, knowing the same to be forged ; and sentenced him to one year's rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 1,000, or in default of payment, further rigorous imprisonment for six months. The Hon. Mr. F. M. Mehta, with Mr. Lallubhai A. Shah, appeared for the accused ; Mr. R. V. Desai for the complainant ; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

In his finding in the case, the Sessions Judge remarked that the accused had been committed on charges under sections 471 and 474, Penal Code, in that on the 22nd Febuary 1899, he fraudulently and dishonestly used as genuine, and had in his possession a document which he knew to be forged. That the accused used the document by presenting it for registration was proved by the evidence of the Sub-Registrar ; and the only question was whether it was a forged document. It was alleged for the prosecution that the accused was a considerable landed proprietor within the limits of Godra, had one of the hamlets of that town named after him, and was for several years on terms of friendship with one Mahomed Twahir, an emigrant from Afghan border, since deceased. Mahomed had acquired considerable properties in Godra, including a large house, a leasehold building site, and a half share jointly with his brother Sulah Mahomed in eight survey numbers in the accused's hamlet. On the outbreak of plague in Godra in 1899, he ca ne afflicted with his wife Fatima Bibi, and his sister-in-law Nur Bibi, to the neighbouring village of Kankanpur about the 5th January last, and being stricken with plague in that village about the 16th February, he returned to Godra to the accused's village in order to die among his co-religionists. On his death on 22nd February his wife Fatma also contracted the infection, and the accused thereupon conceived the plan of misappropriating his property ; and with that object, had the deed forged, which purported to convey to him all the lands and tenements belonging to Mahomed Twahir for a consideration of Rs. 345, Baroda currency. He had the deed registered thereland then, obtaining a fictitious acknowledgment of its execution by the deceased Mahomed Twahir from his dying widow Fatma. Several witnesses deposed that the handwriting of the signature on the deed could not possibly be the deceased's ; and any lingering doubt, said the Sessions Judge, was dispelled by a consideration of the evidence regarding the mode of execution of the document, the nature of the transaction purporting to be embodied in it, and the circumstances under which it was registered. On the face of it, the account given by the accused of the execution of the document was, in the opinion of the Sessions Judge, a most improbable story. To Mr. De Souza's mind there was little doubt that the accused had the deed forged as soon as Mahomed had passed away, and while yet his widow was lying in the grip of the plague ; that he persuaded the Sub-Registrar, like other corps pass register it ; that in all probability, the latter knew it to be a forged deed ; and that Fatma's alleged statement was a "bogus" one. In awarding sentence, while taking due note of the cruel and heartless nature of the accused's crime, its treacherous conception and daring execution, Mr. DeSouza bore in mind also his position in society and his advanced age, and having regard to these, he sentenced him to a year's imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 1,000.

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THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

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(From the mail papers of August 24 to 31.)

DURING the past week detailed accounts from official and other sources of the operations at the relief of the Legations and foreign residents in Peking have arrived. The city has been cleared of the enemy. The Emperor and the Dowager-Empress have not yet been captured.

THE CAPTURE OF PEKING,

A DIFFERENCE AMONG THE ALLIED COMMANDERS.

New York, August 24.—The "Herald" publishes the following telegram from Peking, dated August 17. The Americans attacked the gates of the Imperial City on the 15th. Gate after gate was blown in, and the Chinese were driven out. The infantry rushed in until four gates were taken. In the afternoon the operations were suspended, and the generals held a conference, the result of which was that the Americans were withdrawn. At the conference all the generals except the Russians agreed not to violate the Imperial City, and decided that the objects of the expedition had been accomplished, pending further advices from the interested Powers. The Russian general stated that his Government had declared war against China. The military authorities are not in communication with the Chinese Government. The Japanese, Russians and British are in the Tartar city. The Chinese are now all out.—Reuter.

Peking, August 16.—The international forces are to-day engaged in clearing the Imperial city, several gates of which were forced by the Americans yesterday, but were not held.—Reuter.

GENERAL GASELEE'S DESPATCHES.

The following telegram has been received by the Secretary of State for India from Sir A. Gaselee, commanding the China Expeditionary Force :—

Peking, August 15.—At a conference on August 12 it was agreed that the allied forces should concentrate within five miles of Peking on August 14, and assault on August 15. The attack, however, was begun in the early morning of the 14th, and our troops had to make a forced march of fifteen miles, from Tungchau, in great heat. We were on extreme left, and attacked south-east gate of Chinese city. There was practically no opposition at that point, as we were not expected there, and portions of the 7th Rajputs and 24th Punjab Infantry broke down gate and rushed it. Fusiliers and 1st Sikhs followed on, with some cavalry and guns. I then sent whatever cavalry were at hand and 24th Punjab Infantry to Temple of Heaven, to secure our left flank and a camping ground, and with the other corps pass register it ; that in all probability, the latter knew it to be a forged deed ; and that Fatma's alleged statement was a "bogus" one. In awarding sentence, while taking due note of the cruel and heartless nature of the accused's crime, its treacherous conception and daring execution, Mr. DeSouza bore in mind also his position in society and his advanced age, and having regard to these, he sentenced him to a year's imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 1,000.

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RUSSIAN DESPATCH.

St. Petersburg August 24.—The "Official Messenger" states that the Shanghai branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank has telegraphed here, under date August 22, a letter received from M. Pokotiloff of that branch at Peking, dated August 14. It is as follows:—"After two months' siege we are to-day free. In all 75 persons have been killed and 120 wounded, including seven Russians killed and 15 wounded. The Russo-Chinese Bank was destroyed by Boxers on July 28. It is further stated that at the capture of the city Midshipman Giers, son of the Russian Minister at Peking, was among the wounded.—Reuter.

THE MURDER OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

Berlin, Friday.—The "Lokalanzeiger" publishes a despatch from Peking stating that the body of Baron von Ketteler, the murdered German Minister, has been found buried in a Chinese burial ground near the spot where he was assassinated by Chinese soldiers. Examination showed death to have been caused by a bullet wound in the head. The body will be reinterred to-morrow in the Christian cemetery.—Central News.

PRINCE TUAN'S HOUSE BURNT.

Tokio, Thursday.—Official advices received here state that the allies have burned Prince Tuan's residence at Peking. The Japanese forces now occupy the Imperial Palace.—Central News.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 14.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols .....£98 11-16—1-8
3 per cent Rentes .....£101 unchanged.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£109 "
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ....£94 "
Bar Silver in London.....28 15-16 plus 1-8
Do New York .....63 plus 1-8
Exchange on London at Paris.....25·15 1-2—1-2
Do. New York ..... 486 1-2—1-8
Discount Bank of England 4 per cent. unchanged.
Do Short London Bills 3 5-8 "
Do Indian Bank Bills, 3 7-8 "

Extra Bills of the Secretary of State for India on Madras were allotted for Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4d.

The closing of the Banks and Mercantile Houses for the last three days of the week, owing to the Parsee New Year holidays, has caused partial suspension of business in Bombay. The official weather and crop reports speak of favourable prospects in nearly all the agricultural districts of the Presidency and other parts from which Bombay draws its exportable produce. The scare in Liverpool, and the reports of heavy damage to the cotton crop in Texas, brought about by the recent hurricane, will, no doubt, result in a smaller outturn this year, and by some authorities the crop is estimated at something like 9,750,000 bales, against 11 millions put forward at this time last year. In sympathy with the rapid rise of prices both in Liverpool and New York the Cotton market in Bombay has been firm throughout the week, and sellers have been asking for higher rates, say from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20, as compared with the price ruling on last mail day.

In Wheat and Seeds there is nothing of importance to report, and prices remain practically unchanged.

Exchange has been fairly quiet throughout the week. Money is very easy and the Bank of Bombay has reduced its rate for demand loans on the security of Government Paper by one per cent, the rate to-day being 3 per cent. The Bank of Bengal rate is 4 per cent.

Government Paper is steady, and in Freights good business is reported. In imports there is not much doing though the market is firmer than last reported.

COTTON.—Telegrams from Liverpool show that the Cotton market there closed strong ; Surats are firmer, while business in Manchester remained dull. The total sales were 7,000 bales ; sold on speculation and for export 800 bales. Imports were 1,000 bales. Surats 700 bales. Spot Mid-Americans 7 3-8 plus 1-4d. Arrivals closed steady.

Futures Liverpool—

Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Dec.-Jan.	March-April.	June-July.
7·23	6·22	5·38	5·30	5·26

plus 9-64. plus 12-64. plus 12-64. plus 11-64. plus 12-64.

In New York receipts at the Ports were 15,000 bales, while last year 6,000 bales were exported to Great Britain and 4,000 bales to Continent.

Mid.-Uplands stand at 11 cents. plus 1-4 ; Futures for month of December are 9·96 plus ·2 an for March 9·94—12.

Locally the market to-day is firm at about one rupee above last night's quotations. A fair amount of business is passing in new crop, but the bulk of transactions is in ready lots which fetch full prices and are eagerly taken up.

The movements of cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two years :—

Receipts.	1900. Bales.	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.
For 6 days	1,351	5,365	2,429
From 1st Jan. to 12th Sept.	556,790	1,724,871	1,551,516
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For 6 days	5,396	375	7,269
From 1st Jan. to 12th Sept.	115,492	488,770	438,570
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For 6 days	743	12,935	5,300
From 1st Jan to 12th Sept.....	163,847	445,457	370,419

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz :—

	Per Candy. Rs.	Per lb. E & F.
Bengal Fine old crop Home guarantee.....	213-14	4 11-32 to 23-64
Bengal F G old crop Home guarantee.....	199-98	4 1-32 to 3-64
ongal Good old crop Home guaranteed.....	193-92	3 15-16 to 59-64
Belatee Fine old crop.....	215-16	4 3-8 to 25-64
Do F G do	207-8	4 7-32 to 13-64
Khandesh F G Jan 1901	217	4 7-16
Oomra F G staple, Jan 1901.....	225	14 19-3
Bhownugger Good May 1901 N. J.	212	4 11-32
Do Dharwar Good old	249	4 27-32
Westerns old	235	4 3-4
Broach Good, March 1901	243	4 15-16

IN WHEAT AND SEEDS the market ruled quiet during the week, and on the last business day the quotations stood as under :—

	per cwt. Rs. a
Wheat Delhi No. 1 white Pessy	Sept. 5 1
Rs. 4 9 April May 1901.	
Linseed, Bold	10 12
Rs. 8 7 April May 1901.	
Small Seed	10 7
Rapeseed Guzerat Yellow	.....
Rs. 7 7 March Aoril 1901.	
" Brown Delhi	7 12
Rs. 6 13 April May 1901.	
" Yellow Cawnpore.....	8 3
Poppyseed	8 9
Castorseed, Ordinary Quality F.A.	8 4

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under :—

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1900. cwts.	1899. cwts.	1898. cwts
Wheat for 6 days...	24,655	48,872	1,871
Do from 1st Jan. to 12th Sept.	1,554,199	4,438,743	7,138,958
Linseed for 6 days	2 02	43,922	19,086
Do from 1st Jan. to 12 h Sept.	612,741	1,834,402	2,07,,337
Rapeseed for 6 days	3,099	28,367	38,367
Do from 1st Jan. to 12th Sept.	539,137	1,330,112	1,824,400
Gingelly for 6 days	667	2,697	1,804
Do from 1st Jan. to 12th Sept.	943,234	1,023,610	1,182,523

	1900. cwts.	1899. cwts.	1898. cwts.
Wheat for 6 days	.....	.....	2,009
Do. from 1 Jan. to 12 Sept.	8. 2,794,936	5,220,968	
Linseed for 6 days.....	10,045	18,008	52,325
Do. from 1 Jan. to 12 Sept.	723,741	1,873,816	2,119,923
Rapeseed for 6 days	24,951	29,835	89,269
Do. from 1 Jan. to 12 Sept.	833,100	1,609,228	1,819,910
Gingellyseed for 6 da ys...	.....	.....	.....
Do. from 1 Jan. to 12 Sept.	1,214,818	1,349,682	1,354,945

PIECE GOODS (Grey).—Dealers are reported to have taken up large lots at reasonable rates and there has been a small improvement in the local demand. Up-country buyers are operating more freely. There has, however, been no noticeable reduction in stocks. In Bleached Goods, Delhi and Cawnpore Markaree buyers are said to be still purchasing Mulls and Jacconets of low and medium qualities. Nainsooks are quiet and rates about the same. In Dyed Piece Goods there is very little doing and prices remain unchanged.

IN ENGLISH YARNS the market in Bombay continues dull with a very limited business amongst dealers themselves which has resulted in a rise of 1-8 to 3-16., but has not effected the demand up-country. The market for locally manufactured yarn is active for the higher counts and steady for courser descriptions. The closing quotations subjoined are :—

Twist.	No.			
"	8s	Mule, As.	4 1-4 to 4 3-4	per, lb.
"	10s	" "	4 1-4 " 4 7-8	"
"	12s	" "	4 1-2 " 5 1-4	"
"	16s	" "	4 5-8 " 5 5-8	"
"	20s	" "	5 1-2 " 6	"
"	24s	" "	6 " 6 3-8	"
"	30s	" "	7 " 7 1-4	"
"	40s	" "	7 3-4 " 8 1-2	"

We are now in the middle of September, and it is comforting to notice that the condition of the coming crops everywhere is fairly satisfactory. Of course, it is to be hardly expected that there will be anything like a sixteen-anna crop in localities which have been almost entirely denuded of plough-cattle. Still, taking the country as a whole the prospects are most favorable. The several mills which have been stopped, had hopes to resume work from the first October, but meanwhile two external factors have had their disturbing influence on our local markets. The recent speculation in America for Spot Cotton, which has run up prices above seven pence per pound, has had, unfortunately, its mischievous effect on the Green. Though, practically, there has been no alteration for the worse with regard to the balance of stock of the raw staple of the last season, prices have been run up by 15 or 20 rupees. Good Barsee and Coompta which, till recently, was to be had for Rs. 220 per candy, could not be purchased for Rs. 235, So, also, with medium stapled cotton. This variety, too, is sold dearer by at least 15 to 20 rupees. Thus, mills which contemplated resuming work have been greatly deterred, for the margin again has been clean swept away. This is one external factor which has come in the way of local millowners. The other is the political condition now prevailing in the Far East. The telegrams which have been reaching Bombay for the last few days, have again had the effect of weakening the Yarn market. Of course, that was inevitable owing to the great uneasiness prevalent among dealers and importers at Hongkong and Shanghai. The latest advices report a shrinkage in value to the extent of half a tael per bale. It is hopeless to expect that millowners can work under a combination of two elements so adverse as a rising Cotton market and declining Yarn market. But even assuming that the present boom in Americans is allayed—as it must be allayed within the next fortnight or three weeks,—there is not much chance of yarn improving. Every day brings the Chinese autumn nearer, which means, that by November navigation will again be impeded ; and it is well known that between November and February the Yarn market in China remains almost dull and stationary. So that practically millowners who only spin will have hardly any margin to speak of between the raw staple and the finished product, even with the imports of new crop cotton a couple of months hence. Again, there is the accumulated stock in China which has to be considered. If all goes well, and if peace is soon established, there would be first a clearance of that heavy stock. But such a clearance is only practicable with low prices. Prices are unlikely to improve till such stocks are moved off to a considerable extent. When that event may happen is at present a problem. Anyhow, be the Cotton prospects as hopeful as we are led to believe, so long as this external factor prevails, there is no bright future for spinning concerns. The weaving mills are sure to thrive. At present the stock is not very much. Even during the monsoon there has been a satisfactory off-take of the productions of good mills. And inasmuch as the peasants had purchased next to nothing during the famine year, there is every probability of a large demand during the coming season. We may therefore reasonably expect a brisk business after the Divali with better prices also.

While such is the present condition of the Bombay mills, it is pleasant to turn to another industry which promises rapid development and finds a ready and increasing market in Europe and America. Manganese ore, which up to recently went forward from India in small quantities, now finds a large outlet from the mines in the Vizagapatam District. An interesting account of the working of the Vizianagram Company, Limited, recently appeared in a Southern Print, and shows what rapid strides can be made in concern so well managed as the one under reference. The largest quantity of ore is found at Garividi and its neighbouring villages. The Company employs some 8,000 labourers and 1,000 carts are daily used for conveying the mineral to the stations of the East Coast Railway, a special train being run daily between Garividi and Vizagapatam. A regular steamer service enables the Company to ship large quantities of the mineral to Europe and foreign countries ; and considering that 140,000 tons of ore were shipped last year, it clearly shows that the demand is a regular and constant one. England has up to lately been the largest consumer but latterly there has been created a demand for the ore in America, where one of the largest Iron Founders look eagerly forward for its supply.

METALS.—Notwithstanding the small stocks, the market closes quiet and shows no improvement in demand. We quote :—

	(per cwt. in bundles)
Copper (Braziers)	Rs. 64 4
Yellow Metal	" 49 4
(per candy of 746 1-2 lbs.	
Belgian No. 2 Bar Iron...	Rs. 41 to Rs. 42
Basic Steel.....	" 42 to " 43
Swedish Bar Iron.....	" 62 to " 64

COALS.—With the exceptions of one or two small transactions in Indian coal, the market has been stagnant for some days. To-day, Singareni is quoted at Rs. 13-8 ; Deshagur, Rs 16-4-0 ; Muir's Navigation, Rs. 14 ; Jardine's Rs. 14-4 and Scebpore Rs. 14-12.

EXCHANGE.—On Wednesday evening—the last business day this week—the quotations were :—

	Telegraphic Transfer.	Sight.	3 ms' St.	4 ms' St.
On England, Bank Bills —	1s 2 29-32d	1s 3 15-16d	1s 4 1-32d	1s 4 1-16d
	1s 3 15-16d Oct			
	1s 3 31-32d Nov-Dec			
First Class Credits			1s 4 3-32d	1s 4 7-32d
			1s 4 7-32d Oct.	
			1s 4d Nov-Dec	
Documents			1s 4 3-16d	1s 4d
Paris Francs			1·36 2	
Mercantile Bills On Calcutta				
Bank T T	100 1-15			
On Chiba Mercantile Bills 30 day's St.....				
	Hongkong Rs 150 per 100 dollr ; Shanghai Rs 203½ per 100 Taels ; Japan Rs 141½ per 100 Yens. Nom.			

The report of the operations of the Paper Currency Department for the year 1899-1900 which has just been issued, shows a variation from previous reports in that it deals with the growth of the proportion of the coin reserve held in gold in comparison with that held in silver. In March, 1899, the gold reserve was £ 2,008,979 ; twelve months later it was £7,791,018. Of the net receipts thus obtained it appears that less than half were in British sovereigns and half-sovereigns. Foreign coin, Mysore mines gold, imported bar gold and bazar gold contribute a total of more than 3 millions. Bazar gold appears to represent the proceeds of sale of ornaments under stress of famine, and the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, who happens to be also Secretary to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, drops a sympathetic tear over the sad story unfolded by the presence of about 1 1-3 millions of pounds worth of this gold presented at the Bombay Mint. In connection with the increase of gold reserve, the contraction of the silver reserve gave cause for anxiety, and the report shows how this was met by an addition to the coinage of rupees made partly from rupees of 1835, which were melted down, and partly from silver bought from the Banks in India and London. The total coinage of the year was 130 lakhs.

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been steady during the week, with a small business passing. Prices improved about 3 annas and declined 4 annas. On Monday and Tuesday the market opened at Rs. 96 and gradually improved to Rs. 96 3-16. On Wednesday the opening rate was Rs. 96-2, which subsequently declined to Rs. 96-15 on receipt of weaker advices from Calcutta. Thursday, Friday and Saturday being Parsee holiday, the market is closed. Small clean pieces on last market day were quoted 1-4 per cent. higher, while ready Paper in large amounts was 1 anna higher. Municipal and Port Trust Bonds stand at previous quotations.

IN STOCKS AND SHARES the market generally speaking was quiet during the week, notwithstanding favourable reports regarding the crops up-country. The rise in mill and press shares has been stopped in consequence of the continued unfavourable reports regarding the American cotton crop. Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands from Rs. 1,262 1-2 to Rs 1,265 ; Commercial's at Rs. 50, at which they seem in little demand. Press shares have continued steady and New Mofussil's have improved to Rs. 405. In Railway Shares the Ahmedabad Prantej and the Tapti Valley are steady at Rs. 650, and Rs. 477 1-2 respectively. Miscellaneous shares are quiet and almost unchanged, except Treacher's, which are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1000. In mill shares China's, Currimbhoy's, David's and Queen's have been sold at Rs. 445, Rs. 600, Rs. 265 and Rs. 555. Petit's have declined to Rs. 1,710, Connaught's and Leopold's have realized Rs. 500 and Rs. 158, ex dividend. Colaba Land Shares are quiet at Rs. 350, while Port Cannings have improved to Rs. 520. Standard's are steady at Rs. 200; Central's at Rs. 1,900, while Swadesh's are quoted at Rs. 550. The interesting annual blue-book entided "Histories of Railway projects compiled from the Viceregal Conference Papers," corrected up to 30th June 1900, has just been issued by the Public Works Department of the Government of India, accompanied by an excellent map showing the existing lines and the projected railways. Particular attention is drawn to the terms on which offers will be entertained for the construction by the Agency of private Companies of branch lines forming feeders, whether to State lines worked by the State or railways worked by Companies, and financial assistance is offered in or other of the following alternative forms :—

GUARANTEE. (a)—An absolute guarantee of interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per cent. per annum on the actual expenditure in the capital account of the branch railway Company as entered in rupees in the Company's books in India with such share of the surplus net profits as may be agreed upon ; or "Rebate by main line" (b) a dividend of 3 1-2 per cent. per annum on the actual expenditure charged in the Capital account of the Branch Railway Companys as entered in rupees in the Company books in India, provided that the amount of the net earnings from the total traffic of the branch line, and of traffic interchanged with the main line is sufficient, and a higher return of the net earnings of the branch from its own traffic are sufficient to pay a higher dividend. Many of the applications made for concessions show that the difficulty of granting the form (a) of financial assistance is not fully understood. The Government of India explain that in the case of a concession given on an absolute guarantee, the total capital expenditure to be incurred on the line has to be included in the Government of India programme of railway construction and not, as is apparently understood, merely the amount of the guarantee for which Government are liable. The following statement embodies a forecast of expenditure on railways for three years ending 1903-04 according to present proposals :—

		1901-02	1902-03	1903-04.
I	Imperial Funds—			
	(a) State Agency.....	80	80	93
	(b) Companies Agency	130	130	135
II	Guaranteed Companies	50	50	50
III	Indian Railway Companies other than above.....	49	46	87
IV	Branch Lines with a firm Guarantee.....	...	...	10
	Total.....	309	306	372

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPT. 13.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed strong.
Surats firmer.
Good Bhownugger 4 24-32.
The Manchester Market has been dull.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 11-16
3 per cent. Rentes.....	101
8 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....	109
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee paper	64
Bar Silver.....	28 15-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending Yesterday show the following results :—Total Bullion £30,400,000, Increase £300,000 ; Public Deposits £9,700,000, Decrease £1,00,000 ; Other Deposits £38,900,000, Decrease £800,000 ; Other Securities £25,000,000, Decrease £3,00,000 ; Notes and Gold £24,900,000, Increase £800 000. The Bank's Reserve is 54 per cent. of the Liabilities.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, SEPT. 13.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macdonald arrived here this morning.

The Florio Rubattino Company's steamer Bisagno left Hongkong, for Bombay, on 13th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. Sydney left Aden, for Bombay, on Wednesday the 12th instant, at 10 p.m. and she is expected here on Monday the 17th instant at 9 p.m.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT,—SEP. 13.

10 p.m.	80°

FRIDAY—SEP. 14.

6 a.m.	79·2
10 a.m.	83·2
2 p.m.	86·0
6 p.m.	84·2

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE (4 TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.)

EUROPE.

BIRTHS.

BENWELL—August 21, at Leamington, Warwick, wife of Lieut R L Benwell, 3nd Horse, of a daughter.
SHUCKBURGH—August 22, at Admiralty Cottage, Spanish Point, Clare, Ire and, wife of Lieut G Shuckburgh, R N, of a daughter.

DEATHS

ADYE—August 26, at Cragside, Rothbury, General Sir J M Adye, G C B, Colonel-Commandant, Royal Art, aged 81.
BUNBURY—August 25, at Willow Bank, Inverness, Capt W D Bunbury, son of the late Major M Bunbury, Bengal Army, aged 35.
HOGG—August 22, at Bedford, wife of Col A M Hogg, Commandant 6th Bombay Cav (Jacob's Horse).

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

BRUCE—August 13, at Valetta, Galveston Road, Putney, Charles Parker Bruce, of Tezpur, Assam, very suddenly, aged 67 years.
DEVEREUX—September 5, Charles William Devereux, driver on B N W Ry, of dysentery, son of Robert Devereux of Windsor, England, aged 57 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

THE decision of her Majesty's Ministers not to withdraw the troops from Peking before satisfactory terms have been arranged with China has come in time ; for we learn that notwithstanding Russia's eagerness that the forces of all the Powers should be withdrawn, Russian troops have since poured into Peking. This was a piece of very bad management on someone's part. Diplomacy would have had them arrive the day after the Allies had withdrawn ; not the day before. St. Petersburg admits that Great Britain is right, and that it would be a mistake to evacuate the Chinese capital until terms are concluded. And so fully is Russia of this opinion that not only did she fail to set a good example to the other Powers ; but actually led the van in the parade through the Forbidden City. Russians outnumbered Japanese, the parade resolving itself into a triumphal entry for Russia and, as a Home correspondent wires out, it was a splendid triumph for Russian diplomacy. America, apparently, would choose the word duplicity instead of diplomacy, for there is no semblance of a vein pleasantry running through Washington's intimation that unless the negotiations with China develop more unity among the Powers than those regarding the evacuation of Peking, America will negotiate on her own account. She would not gain any very great advantage by that, but the reproof conveyed in the message was not uncalled for. The point at most was a mere detail, but it has served to show how the wind blows, and that it is not likely to bring with it that unity which is made up of concord, good feeling and brotherly love. The milk of human kindness is the very last commodity calculated soon to become a drug in Far Eastern markets. It is useless to deny that the Powers are already divided into two clearly defined parties, the one in favour of dismemberment, the other opposed to it. Thus far we have waited in vain for confirmation of the reported understanding between Germany, France and Russia as to their land-grabbing schemes in China. But the three Powers stand as they did in 1895. Her Majesty's ministers have not shown any inclination to alter their determination not to acquire fresh territory, though for the present we stand fast in Peking. Reinforcements from India are still under orders for Hongkong, and if the worst comes to the worst, our position is in no way inferior to that of our neighbours, notwithstanding the intimation from Lord Roberts that the time has not yet arrived when any considerable force may be withdrawn from South Africa. Meantime the Paoting-fu murders are to be avenged, and the Boxers in that locality brought to book. It is probable that we shall sit still while our Allies divide the spoil. But it is not likely we shall agree to any arrangement which does not leave us an open door for our commerce. Russia, France and Germany are not favourable to the open door policy in any of their possessions, and in whatsoever territory they annex we shall have to face tariffs and monopolies. Germany does not object to Russia taking very much more of Manchuria, or in fact the whole of it, for it is already more Russian than Chinese and to-day only one-fourth of the population is Manchu. Our own policy has been to obtain the reforms which are necessary for the development of the country and the encouragement of fair trade. More especially should we be firm in respect to the valley of the Yang-tse, where we have an overwhelming preponderance. Upon this point Government may be trusted to do its duty. If it failed, the immediate result would be its extinction at the forthcoming General Election. The effects of such a failure on Great Britain's trade with the Far East would be calamitous. Whatever may be decided with regard to other parts of China, it is most important that our position in regard to the Yang-tse valley shall be maintained.

How great are British interests in that portion of the country may be gathered from a comparative statement of the trade of the Yang-tse. Its total, in the year closed, was valued at over forty-two millions sterling, and the bulk of this was carried by British ships. Of 32,465 vessels which entered and cleared at the riverine ports 11,579 were British, the tonnage aggregating 13,420,284 out of a gross total of 22,268,356. Chinese vessels of all kinds numbered 17,243 but their tonnage fell greatly below that of the British, being only 5,757,229. Japanese vessels numbered 2,172 with a gross tonnage of 1,579,245. The other foreign vessels were insignificant as compared with ours. Germany sent 435 with a tonnage of 568,014 ; America 519, of 230,496 tons ; Russia 137 of 200,153 tons and all others, including Scandinavian, Dutch, French and Austrian, at Shanghai as well as the riverine ports, only numbered 380 with a capacity of 512,935 tons. The commercial interests of other Powers in the Yang-tse valley, therefore, are as nothing compared with those of Great Britain. Sixty per cent. of the shipping trading with the Yang-tse river is under the British flag. Germany is represented at 2·6 per cent. ; Russia 0·9 ; America at 1, while France, Italy and Austria have no separate place in the returns at all. A glance at the map will suffice to show that the Yang-tse is the only channel for trade between Western and Eastern China, and along its banks are nine ports open to the commerce of the world, while we stand top in free competition. At Shanghai which stands at the mouth of the Yang-tse, British interests also predominate. From that point to Chunkiang a distance of 1,490 miles light draught steamers can ply whilst junks can add another 240 miles to the navigable length of the "Son of the Ocean" as the Chinese call the great river. Captain Wingate, of the 14th Bengal Lancers, at the beginning of the year, made us more fully acquainted with the Yang-tse in a paper he read at Simla. Although all along the banks are growing signs of Western influence and civilisation, the people are so terribly ignorant of the might and wealth of Western Nations that, except in the Treaty Ports, as also in Peking they still look upon foreigners as "wandering Jews" allowed by the grace of the Emperor to roam about the country. It is instructive to read Captain Wingate's original description of the river. "Try and picture what this Yang-tse river is," he writes, "it is as though taking Calcutta to represent Shanghai, we were able to sail in big ocean-going steamers to Allahabad ; and from there to continue in fair-sized river steamers, like those on the Upper Irrawaddy, to Aligarh. Thence to embark in large junks or house-boats as far as Jullundur and then proceed in steam launches to Rawalpindi. . . Could the difficulties attending the navigation of the gorges by steamers be overcome the voyage could be made by steamer from Shanghai to Ping-shan—1,500 miles or taking India, from Calcutta to Rawalpindi and beyond. Were Pindi on the Yang-tse, even there we should only be half-way from the mouth to the source of this mighty waterway."

In view of the extent of British interests in the Yang-tse Valley, two things particularly struck Captain Wingate as peculiar in the future metropolis of the Yang-tse, that is to say Hankow—the one was that in sauntering about the streets two out of every three foreigners he passed were not subjects of the British Empire ; and the other—that in a city of a million inhabitants where there were daily rumours of riots, the only outward sight of the might and majesty of the greatest sea-Power that the world has ever seen, was H. M. S. Esk, a tiny river gunboat which under the most favourable conditions can go six knots an hour; and which in order to bring her one small gun to bear is obliged to turn round first an awkward evolution, as the writer observes, in a country where the enemy do not often get in front. We have left our affairs to look after themselves, for the fleet of gunboats, which the British Government was reported to have put on the river, consists of "two flat-bottomed gunboats dispersed over a length of 1,500 miles." Yet when Captain Wingate travelled along the river he saw a whole fleet of Russian Volunteer steamers, anchored off the Esplanade at Hankow, six hundred miles from the estuary of the river. The impression left in his mind after much journeying in the country was the absolute necessity for some one to go to England and by various means to "excite among the somewhat stolid British a healthy interest in things Chinese." For we take practically no precautions for the protection of our interests notwithstanding that the necessity is constantly being brought home to us, and frequently in an unpleasantly emphatic manner. Mr. Henry Sell's very excellent review of the situation emphasises the importance of this market for our foreign trade and recounting its richness in future resources, urges that the greatest increase in trade will undoubtedly take place in the western province of Szechwan, with its seventy millions of well-to-do peasants and shopkeepers. The cargoes from this province are carried down at present in native junks to Ichang, where they are transhipped into steamers for Hankow and Shanghai. Down-river cargoes are also transhipped into native junks bound up river. Szechwan is extremely fertile, the main crops being wheat, rice, maize, and sugar, and its opium is famous throughout China. Coal can be had in Szechwan at the pit's mouth for 2d. per cwt., but the cost of transport is now so enormous that it becomes prohibitive at a distance of more than 50 miles from the coal-pits. Other minerals, especially copper, are rich and plentiful, and the salt wells near Chentu form an important industry. The great bulk of the import of yarns, piece-goods, and woollens is in the hands of the British and Indian merchants, and with the development of steam communication and the coal mines the trade should go up by leaps and bounds. Whosoever will may take possession of the country, if they are determined to dismember it, so long as we retain free access for our trade, and in this respect British statesmanship has thus far been consistent. Our policy remains as it was before the outbreak, in words which the military member of the Viceroy's Council employed but recently. Asked his opinion as to "What is to be done with China ?" General Collen replied, "What we have to do, it seems to me, is to cultivate the best possible relations with the Chinese, to extend our influence by every means and to take care with friendly firmness, that the wind from the north does not shut the Open Door." This was before the disturbances broke out which have led to the present situation. We have since given the Nanking Viceroy an assurance of material support in the suppression of any disturbance in the Yang-tse region and the reply given by Sir Edwin seems to conform with what should, and what will, we hope, continue to be the aim and effort of the British Government notwithstanding recent changes in the plans of our so-called allies.

We are now in a position to give further particulars of Mr. Hayden's recent gold investigations in the Wynaad. The report of the Geological Survey of India for the last year states that the results obtained, during the preliminary enquiry, "tend to show that the majority of the reefs are probably too poor in gold to offer any prospects of remunerative working, yet it is possible that one or two may prove sufficiently rich to justify mining operations, provided they are carried on judiciously and under strictly expert supervision. The area investigated by Mr. Hayden is described as including the more important reefs of South and South-East Wynaad. The inquiry is to be continued on a larger scale, next season, Dr. F. H. Hatch joining Mr. Hayden in it. Mr. Hayden has written an interesting report of the operations, already conducted. From this it appears that it is too early as yet to accept any very definite statement of the prospects of the field as a whole. Mr. Hayden admits that "the scale on which the examination has been carried out was so small

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY TO RUSSIA.

THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PEKING.

IMPATIENCE OF AMERICA.

FRENCH AND RUSSIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, SEPT. 14.

Great Britain replied to Russia on Tuesday declaring that she was unable to agree to the withdrawal from Peking before satisfactory terms have been arranged with China.

It is admitted at St. Petersburg that it is not advisable to evacuate Peking till the negotiations are concluded and the Government reinstalled.

It is declared at Washington that unless the negotiations with China develop more unity among the Powers than those regarding the evacuation of Peking that America will negotiate on her own account.

TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS.

The Transport Warora has arrived at Hongkong and the St. Andrew has proceeded North.

Time-expired officers have been ordered to remain at Hongkong where the Infantry has disembarked.

The Cavalry is proceeding north.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 14.

The "Indian Daily News" publishes the following telegram :—

A Laffan message, dated Peking, 3rd September, states that after the sack of Tunghow by the Allies, the French and Russian troops were guilty of the worst atrocities. They outraged and slaughtered women and killed the children. Matters became so dreadful that General Fukushima, Commander of the Japanese forces, complained bitterly to the French and Russian Commanders.

MORE TROOPS FOR CHINA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 13.

The transport Uganda sailed to-day, with the following troops :—"C" Squadron, Jodhpur Lancers, "B" Section, 53rd Native Field Hospital, and part of the staff of the 4th Brigade.

The transports Landora and Ludiana sailed for Hong-Kong to-day ; the former with head-quarters and wing of the Ulwar Imperial Service Infantry, No. 3 Native General Hospital and conservancy carts, and the latter with the right wing of the Ulwar Imperial Service Infantry, "C" Section 53 Native Field Hospital and postal establishment.

Under orders from the Quartermaster-General, India, further despatch of the siege train bullocks has been stopped for the present.

The Transports Urlana and Itinda will not be shipped.

INDIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

SIMLA, SEPT. 13.

Orders have been issued for the drafts of 2 British Officers, 1 Subadar, 1 Jamadar, 5 Havildars, 5 Naiks and 88 sepoys to be despatched to China for each of the following Regiments :—7th Bengal Infantry, 26th Bombay Infantry, 1st Sikh Infantry, 24th Punjab Infantry. These are intended to complete existing and future casualties in the 1st Brigade.

STAFF ORDERLIES FROM NATIVE STATES

SIMLA, SEPT. 14.

Orders have been issued for the selection and despatch to China of six men from the cavalry and six from infantry of the Imperial Service Troops of Native States not represented in the contingent already embarking. They are for duty as staff orderlies with Brigadier-General Cummins.

THE RELIEF OF THE LEGATIONS.

The following telegram has been received by the Commander-in-Chief from Sir Claude Macdonald :—"I beg to thank you in my own name and that of the Marines and Volunteers of all nationalities for your kind and sympathetic message conveyed through General Gaselee."

Under instructions from Army Head Quarters, "A" and "B" sections of No. 16 British Field Hospital, are being mobilised in Bombay for despatch to China The hospital will be embarked at Bombay. Arrangements are being made by the Admiralty to despatch the men by P. and O. Co.'s next China mail steamer, which will sail from Bombay on or about the 26th inst. Captain J. E. Brogden, R.A.M.C., and Assistant Surgeon C. H. Alderton, are detailed for duty with the hospital.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE COTTON CRISIS IN LANCASHIRE.

LONDON, SEPT. 14.

A circular issued by the Federation of Cotton Spinners recommends the members of local associations to cease work at least twelve working days in October.

RETURN OF LORD SALISBURY.

Lord Salisbury has returned to Hatfield.

THE MAILS.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Egypt, with the homeward mails of the 8th instant, arrived here at 1 p. m., yesterday.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 14.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Brevet-Major Beynon officiates as additional Assistant Secretary, Captain Garden becoming Assistant Secretary.

Lieutenant H. N. Halden is gazetted Extra A.-D.-C. on the Viceroy's staff.

Veterinary-Lieutenant Crawford takes veterinary charge of the Hapur Remount Depot, vice Pallin, reverted to military duty.

Lieutenants Smith-Rewse, Delmeradcliffe, Torrie and Howdon are admitted to the Staff Corps.

Captain E. R. Howell and Lieutenant H. M. Turton become Assistants at the base Commissariat Officers, 3rd Infantry Brigade, China Force, while Veterinary Lieutenant W. N. Wright is posted to 4th Brigade, Store-Depot.

Indian Staff Corps—Captain G. A. Cookson becomes Major ; Lieutenants J. B. Carden, A. G Maxwell and T. S. Tancred become Captains ; and Second-Lieutenant J. Morant, Lieutenant.

Conductor W. G. Colvoun, Bombay Ordnance, is pensioned, while G. J. Galloway and F. W Kaye receive promotion, vice Hicks retired.

Bombay Volunteer Artillery—Mr. L. Russell becomes Commandant, vice Major Leslie resigned.

CROP REPORTS.

Crop telegrams for the week ending last Saturday show that general improvement in the prospects throughout India is being maintained and prices wending downwards almost everywhere. Rates for such common food staples as bajra, juar and wheat are still about the double ; normal, however, in Western India. Deccan continues to be badly in need of more rain, but in the North-West Provinces the situation is very much relieved by the heavy fall of rain during the week.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LORD ROBERTS' MOVEMENTS.

THE HOSPITALS COMMISSION.

LORD STANLEY AND MR. BURDETT-COUTTS.

LONDON, SEPT. 14.

General French has crossed the Komati River and is approaching Barberton.

He was heavily engaged with the enemy yesterday morning.

General Hutton has gone to support him.

General Buller has occupied the junction of the roads from the East and South near Spitzkop.

The enemy is retiring on Nelspruit and northwards.

General Douglas has repulsed the enemy between Ottoshoop and Lichtenberg.

General Clements defeated Delarey on the 10th near Hekport.

Lord Roberts has returned to Machadodorp.

LONDON, SEPT. 14.

General Hart has surprised the Boers and re-occupied Potchefstroom.

General Buller has captured Spitzkop besides large supplies.

General Botha has resigned his command owing to ill-health.

Commandant Viljoen will replace him.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 14.

The "Indian Daily News" publishes the following special cablegram, dated London, September 13th :—

Lord Roberts has left Pretoria and arrived at Machadodorp, recent developments in the campaign against Botha requiring his presence at the front. There is now no reason to believe, but that President Kruger leaves Africa for Europe with the full knowledge and consent of the Burghers, but whether his visit is to solicit European intervention or not is not quite clear. He has been entrusted with the custody of the Transvaal archives and large sums of money which the Boers are shipping to Holland. There is not likely to be any opposition offered by the British to President Kruger leaving Lourenzo Marques for Europe.

At yesterday's sitting of the Hospital Commission the evidence was of a startling and sensational character. Lord Stanley stated that the presence of Mr. Burdett-Coutts at Bloemfontein caused others to apply for permission to come. This embarrassed the authorities who tried to prevail upon Mr. Burdett-Coutts to return to Capetown. Mr. Burdett-Coutts refused to go and threatened that if he were ordered back he would make a bad report on the condition of the hospitals. The threat had no deterrent effect on Lord Roberts, who compelled Mr. Burdett-Coutts' departure from Bloemfontein. Hence the sensational start which appeared in the *Times*.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPT. 14.

Brevet Major Bowes on being relieved of the duties of officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Bombay Command Head-Quarters, by Captain Jackson, D. S. O., on the return of the latter from leave will rejoin his permanent appointment of Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Nagpur District. He will travel on duty at public expense.

Under instructions received from the War Office it is notified that the following Officers have been posted as under :—Major Casement from 36th to 94th Battery R. F. A.

Major Graham, temporary A. A. C. to the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, to 59th Battery, R. F. A.

Major Geddes, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, R. A., Bombay Command, to No. 3 Depot R. F. A.

Major E. M. Lachlan, 1st Battery R. F. A, to Depot R. F. A.

Captain F. O. Wyatt has been transferred from No. 7 Battery Mountain Division to No. 27 Company Western Division R. G. A.

Captain Godfrey-Faussett, 58th Battery R. F. A., has been appointed to Depot R. H. A.

Captain Hickie, 34th Battery, R. F. A., has been appointed to Depot R. H. A.

Captain Lowis, attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery at Bombay, has been transferred from No. 7 Battery Mountain Division to No. 19 Company Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Captain Collingwood has been posted from No. 25 Company to No. 30 Company Western Division Royal Garrison Artillery.

2nd-Lieutenant Mowbray, on first appointment, has been posted to 36th Battery R. F. A.

Lieutenant J. A. M. Cummins to No. 16 Company Western Division R. G. A., has been appointed Subaltern No. 2 Derajat Mountain Battery.

The undermentioned Officers are reported to have passed the required examination in the following languages:—Urdu, Higher Standard—Captain Cartwright, R. H. H. A. ; Lieutenant Robinson, Royal West Kent Regiment ; Lieutenant Nicolay, 17th Bombay Infantry ; 2nd-Lieutenant Holmes, 16th Bombay Infantry ; and Private Horn, Norfolk Regiment. Urdu, Lower Standard—2nd-Lieutenant Shgand, Royal West Kent Regiment ; 2nd-Lieutenant Roberts, 1st Bombay Grenadiers ; Lieutenant Robinson, Indian Medical Service ; and Lieutenant Beaman, Indian Medical Service. Pushtu Obligatory Test—Captain Foster, 28th Bombay Pioneers. Sindhi, Higher Standard—Captain Street, Indian Medical Service. Hindi, Obligatory Test of 1898—Lieutenant Griffith, 2nd Bombay Lancers. Marathi, Obligatory Test—Major Montgomery, 21st Bombay Infantry, on 2nd September ; Captain Grace, 5th Bombay Light Infantry.

The undermentioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under leave rules for the Staff Corps ; specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Colonel Bell, Staff Corps, Commandant, 16th Bombay Infantry, for one year ; pension service thirty-second year commenced 7th July.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs :—Sub-Conductor Tydman, Public (Military) Works Department, for 12 months.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate :—Conductor Hammond, Ordnance Department, for 12 months.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence :—R. A. (Indian Ordnance Department) Captain Gordon, for 6 months, from 21st March, 1900, on medical certificate to England, granted by the General Officer Commanding in Natal ; West Yorkshire Regiment, Lieutenant Crowley, from 12th September to 30th October, on private affairs, in India.

S. L. I. Quartermaster and Honorary Captain Wilson, for six months, on medical certificate out of India.

Extension of leave has been granted to the following:—2nd Bombay Lancers—Lieutenant Crawford (Adjutant, Governor's Body-Guard, Bombay) for two months, on medical certificate.

THERE is every probability that early in next year the site of the Australian Federal Capital will be decided, and competitive plans for laying it out invited. The idea is that it should be one of the finest cities of its kind in the world, enjoying a salubrious climate and possessing beautiful surroundings. Only he public buildings will be constructed at the cost of the Commonwealth, all others being left to private enterprise. It is tolerably certain that the new city will become the leading centre of Australian political and social life.

THE PRESIDENCY CRICKET MATCH.

SECOND DAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPT. 14.

The game was resumed to-day before a large concourse of people. Shortly after twelve the two not-outs of the previous day, went in to face the bowling of Proctor and Bosworth-Smith. Proctor gave his first over a maiden and the next was on the point of following, but Mistry gave a single. 190 was signalled when play had been in progress, but a short time afterwards Greig brought off a splendid catch at slip, off Proctor, Billimoria having to retire. (Score : 198-4-52.) Driver joined Mistry, both left-handers, and the second century was signalled. The game settled down to a mechanical exhibition of blocking, only relieved by an occasional stroke for two or a boundary. Mistry was the chief contributor of runs. A change of bowlers was deemed advisable and Wood relieved Proctor but no immediate effect was produced on the batting. Driver was slower but managed nevertheless to get some good strokes. Just as 250 reached Driver was given out leg-before-wicket. (Score 250-5-12.) Machliwalla joined Mistry, the former continuing his awkward way of drawing between his legs. The game went on slowly and the next decade was ten minutes in appearing, but its advent was again the sign for the loss of a valuable wicket, as Sprott succeeded in making a splendid catch behind the sticks, off Winterbottom. Mistry retired amid loud applause for his grandly played innings of 88. His display, barring one small mistake, was the feature of the Parsee batting, and quite entitled him to retain the position he gained in Poona a couple of years ago when he made 95 for his side. (Score : 260-6-88.) Kharas joined Machlivalla, the latter whenever an opportunity offered, hit hard and scored rapidly. At 296 Greig took over the bowling from Wood and was almost at once lifted to the boundary where Sandy let him off. 300 was telegraphed when the bell rang for tiffin. After tiffin the game had been in progress for only a couple of minutes when Kharas gave Bosworth-Smith a hot one at joint which was accepted. (Score : 317-7-5.) The next two wickets fell for ducks, Wood and Proctor claiming one each. The last man in was Mehta who, however, made some good scoring, and added 8 to his credit when Proctor broke through his defence. Machlivalla carried his bat for 67.

The Presidency began their second venture at 3-25 in the same order as yesterday, Greig and Sale receiving the opening overs from Mehta and Bulsara. Greig began with a brace off Mehta, following with a single off Bulsara. Three boundaries in succession with several others brought 20 on the telegraph with 12 minutes' play. Mody was relieved by Guzdar before Bulsara's over ended. Greig was just at 12 badly let off by Mistry. It was his old weak point. Mehta was twice no-balled in a single over. The Parsees fielded well. Many good strokes were stopped. However Sale got in some splendid drives to the boundary. The Parsees then put Mistry in the place of Bulsara. 50 came up after four o'clock. The game then slowed down. A further change in the bowling was made, Pochkhanawalla taking the ball. Both the batsmen played a slow, steady and consistent game marked by careful batting. Excellent placing was the feature of the game for the next half-an-hour. The Parsees tried nearly all their bowlers without being able to shake the steadiness of the batsmen. The scoring was slow but consistent, giving a pretty exhibition of cricket. The century appeared at five minutes to 5, just after Greig was reaching his 50 and Sale 60. (Score : 122.) The fielding was close and there was a difficulty of getting more than single run at a time. Kanga eventually brought off a brilliant catch behind the wicket. Greig retired after a splendidly-played inning for 58. His lease of the wicket lasted for two hours. Bosworth-Smith joined Sale. 140 was not very long in coming. Sale made a mistake in lifting Billimoria, but Mehta, however, missed. The batsmen afterwards made up, playing all low down. Seven Parsee bowlers tried hitherto without much effect. D. Kanga now resolved to try his hand and came on in the place of Bulsara. He scattered the bails of Bosworth-Smith who made the high score yesterday. (Score : 163-2-8.) Proctor came next. After only five minutes' play he was caught by Kanga. Winterbottom next joined Sale. The day's play closed with 176 runs for three wickets down.

PRESIDENCY.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Sale, b Mehta	8	not out	84
Greig, b-w Bulsara	6	c D Kanga, b Billimoria	58
Bosworth-Smith, b Mehta	45	b D Kanga	8
Wood, c Driver, b Pochkhanawalla	25	To bat.	
Bond, c Mody, b Pochkhanawalla	1		
Sprott, b-w b Mehta	3		
Sandy, b Bulsara	1		
Browne, b Mehta	4		
Dryedale, c Kanga, b Mehta	1		
Private Proctor, not out	1	c and b D Kanga	1
Winterbottom, b Mehta	0	not out	2
Extras	13	Extras	23
Total	119	Total	176

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Mehta	39	26	5	6
Bulsara	26	36	2	2
Mistry	26	18	5	0
Pochkhanawalla	54	24	2	2

PARSEES.

FIRST INNINGS.

D Kanga, b Greig	38
D Mody, b Proctor	7
H Kanga, run out	24
R Mistry, c Sprot, b Winterbottom	88
Billimoria, c Greig, b Proctor	32
Driver l-b-w, b Wood	12
Machliwalla, not out	67
Kharas, c Bosworth-Smith, b Wood	5
Pochkhanawalla, b Wood	0
Bulsara, b Proctor	0
Mehta, b Proctor	8
Extras	15
Total	336

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Proctor	157	99	3	4
Greig	132	77	5	1
Winterbottom	122	64	5	1
Bosworth-Smith	99	24	1	0
Sale	24	21	0	0
Wood	78	55	3	3 *a*

a One no-ball.

FAMINE RELIEFS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 14.

The numbers under famine relief show a further reduction this week of nearly half-a-million. The total is now less than four millions, of which Bombay had 1 1-4 millions and the Central Provinces 1 3-4 millions, 11,600,000 of the last mentioned being on gratuitous relief.

THE DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

The Committee of the Durand Football Tournament here have decided to abolish the rule, under which the Cup has hitherto become the property of the team winning it three times in succession.

THE CANTONMENT CHOLERA RETURNS.

The Cantonment cholera returns show that the 1-5th Gurkhas, the 3rd Punjab Cavalry, the 17th Bombay Infantry, the 42nd Gurkhas, 16th Madras Infantry, the 15th Battery Field Artillery and the 2nd Punjab Infantry to-day report sporadic cases.

MEDICAL OFFICERS AND CIVIL EMPLOY.

It is proposed in connection with the withdrawal of medical officers from civil employ, consequent on the operations in China, to place civil surgeons, where possible, in collateral charge of native troops in addition to their own duties.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Captain Davis, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, is confirmed as Station Staff Officer, Nusserabad.

Major Stanton, Assistant Military Secretary to the Lieutenant-General, Bombay, is granted two months' leave to proceed to Simla.

Mr. N. G. Priestly is temporarily posted to the Simla office of the Public Works Department on special duty.

The Government of India have agreed to the sixty Artillery Officers hitherto detained in India now proceeding to their respective destination.

Captain H. W. K. Read, R.A.M.C., is posted for employment as officiating Civil Surgeon at Quetta.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burn, 14th Madras Infantry, officiates in command of the Nagpur District, vice Abbott, on leave.

Captain Rhodes, Welsh Regiment, is under orders to join the 1st Battalion in South Africa.

THE COMING RELIEFS.

The Home authorities are now considering the question of drafts to be sent out in the place of invalids and time-expired men. Until this is settled no steps will be taken to charter vessels in India for the conveyance Home of the latter.

THE NASIK GOLF WEEK.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, SEPT. 13.

RAIN fell heavily during the early hours of play, and while it interfered with low scoring it will be beneficial to the course, which is very hard. The competition this morning was for a cup presented by the President, Mr. H. F. Silcock. All competitors started from scratch, the play being under medal conditions, but attached to the competition was a handicap sweepstakes. There were 35 entries, and the prize fell to Mr. Pechey who went round in 94 on each journey taking 47 strokes. Dr. MacDonald holed out in 99, his second round being done in 48, and a similar round was recorded to Mr. Millett. All the other competitors were over 100 gross, except Mr. Plunkett, who required a "century." The standard of play is not high, and the Bombay scratch men are apparently unable to do themselves justice. Mr. Pechey, up to the present, wins both the gold and silver medals for the lowest round and lowest aggregate of four rounds, and the fact that he is now plus six in handicap play shows how superior he is to other men.

In the afternoon Mr. Pechey easily defeated Mr. Fry in the second round of the Club Cup by five up and four to play. The latter was always playing the odd, though he stuck to his opponent in the first round, which ended in Pechey's favour by one up. In the second round the latter played magnificently, his brassey work being particularly clean and crisp. He took the tenth hole in four, the eleventh in five, the next being halved in a similar number. The thirteenth and fourteenth Pechey won in five and four, the match ending as already stated. The other match between Dr. MacDonald and Mr. J. Stiven was more even, though the latter established a lead of two up in the first five holes. The Doctor by steady play made the game all even on the seventh green, and Stiven missed a chance of winning at the next hole. MacDonald found the bunker going home, and this was won by his opponent, who was still only one up going over the Idgah the second time. This hole was won by Stiven, the sixteenth was halved, and the same player winning the seventeenth hole made the game three up and one to play. Pechey and Stiven play the final to-morrow.

The first round of the handicap foursomes, which owing to darkness was left unfinished yesterday, terminated, the remaining couple Messrs. Grace and Cameron (8) beating Messrs. Johnston and Gray (scratch) by two up. In the second round Messrs. Prall and Shallard (16) succumbed to Messrs. Muir-Mackenzie and Heaton (10) by seven up and six to play ; Messrs. Pearson and Edie (11) beat Messrs. Griffiths and MacGuffie (12) five up and four ; Messrs. Spalding and Cornwell (3) beat Messrs. Fleischer and Elliot (12) two up and one to play.

The Ladies' Handicap for the Committee's prize was carried off by Mrs. Millard, who did the 18 holes in 90, her first round being 43, and her game was very steady in the second round which was done in 47. The former total is the lowest yet recorded, for the ladies' course during the tournament was the result of excellent play. Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Jacob tied for second prize, and the former won the tie.

The following are the principal scores :—

THURSDAY.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Mr. Pechey	94
Mr. Millett	99
Dr. MacDonald	99
Mr. Plunkett	100
Col. Kellie	102
Mr. Fry	105
Mr. Spalding	107
Mr. Meikle	107
Mr. Wroughton	107
Mr. Muir-Mackenzie	107

HANDICAP.

	Gross.	Hdcap.	Nett.
Mr. Millett	99	8	91
Dr. Donald	99	6	93
Col. Kellie	102	6	96
Mr. Plunkett	100	4	96
Mr. Pearson	111	14	97
Mr. Fleischer	113	16	97
Mr. Shallard	114	16	98
Mr. Pechey	94	plus 6	100
Mr. Muir-Mackenzie	107	6	101
Mr. Spalding	107	4	103
Mr. Cornwell	112	8	104
Mr. Elliot	113	8	105

LADIES' HANDICAP for Committee's prize.

	Gross.	Hdcap.	Nett.
Mrs. Millard	90	4	86
Mrs. Grace	110	20	90 *a*
Mrs. Jacob	96	scr	96
Mrs. Shaw	104	scr	104

a Won after playing the tie.

HANDICAP FOURSOMES—First Round.

Messrs. Muir-Mackenzie (10) beat Messrs. Reid and Du Boulay (8) 5 up and 3 to play.

Colonel Kellie and Rev. Mr. Preston (10) beat Messrs. Wroughton and Fry (scratch) 6 up and 4 to play.

Messrs. Griffiths and MacGuffie (12) beat Messrs. Moore and Mainwaring (18) one up.

Messrs. Pearson and Edie (11) beat Messrs. Humphry and Shaw (18) 5 up and three to play.

Messrs. Grace and Cameron (8) beat Messrs. Johnston and Gray (scratch) two up.

SECOND ROUND.

Messrs. Muir-Mackenzie and Heaton beat Messrs. Prall and Shallard (16) 7 up and 6 to play.

Messrs. Pearson and Edie beat Messrs. Griffiths and MacGuffie 5 up and 4 to play.

Messrs. Spalding and Cornwell (3) beat Messrs. Fleischer and Elliot (12) 2 up and 1 to play.

SCRATCH FOURSOMES—Second Round.

Messrs. Plunkett and Millett beat Messrs. Spalding and Jacob two up and one to play.

Messrs. Pechey and Meikle beat Messrs. Stiven and Macdonald after a tie.

NASIK, SEPT. 14.

This morning the Bombay Gymkhana Cup handicap was won by Mr. Cameron 107 less (14) nett 93. Dr. MacDonald and Mr. Spalding 101 less 6 nett 95 tied for the sweepstakes.

Mr. Pechey took 95 and Mr. Meikle did his first round in 45, but came to grief in the second nine holes.

This afternoon the final scratch foursomes match was played, Messrs. Pechey and Meikle defeating Messrs. Millett and Plunkett by seven up and five to play.

The second round handicap foursomes was completed, Messrs. Cameron and Grace beating Col. Kellie and Mr. Preston by five up and four to play. In the semi-finals Messrs. Spalding and Cornwell beat Messrs. Pearson and Edie by three up and one to play.

The Ladies' Silver Medal was won by Mrs. Millard (scratch) with a score of 92. The handicap attached was won by Mrs. Prall with a score of 115 minus a handicap of 28.

BOMBAY PATIENTS FOR THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

OFFICERS BITTEN BY A RABID TERRIER.

YESTERDAY afternoon Second-Lieutenant G. M. Glynton and Lieutenant H. Armstrong, 21st Bombay Infantry, Lieutenant E. C. Maddock, I. M. S., and Lieutenant K. M. Woolcombe, 2nd Bombay Lancers, proceeded to Kasauli to undergo inoculation at the Pasteur Institute. Lieutenant Glynton had a fox terrier, which on Friday last, absented itself. It returned the next day looking very ill and its owner thinking the terrier had fever dosed it. He dosed the animal again on Sunday and Monday, and as it proved refractory Lieutenants Woolcombe, Maddock and Armstrong held the dog while the physic was being administered. Lieutenant Woolcombe was bitten on the finger and Lieutenant Maddock also received a bite on the hand. On Monday the dogs was sent to Mr. Scott, the veterinary surgeon. It died on Tuesday, and the veterinary surgeon certified that the terrier had hydrophobia. Portion of the brain were taken out for examination but it will take ten days to ascertain from that evidence whether the dog had rabies or not. It was considered advisable, however, to send the four officers at once for treatment at Kasauli. Although only two of them had been actually bitten, Lieutenant Armstrong having a small open sore on his hand, the result of an injury while playing football and Lieutenant Glynston having had the dog in contact with his face, it was considered best to take precautions against the possibility of saliva from the animal having affected small wounds. It is presumed that the terrier must have been bitten by a mad dog which was shot over two months ago. Before it was destroyed that animal attacked two other dogs and a boy who died in the Grenadiers hospital from hydrophobia.

ROVERS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

THIS popular annual event starts this afternoon, on the Cooperage ground, and the first match is between the 4th Staffordshire Regiment from Jhansi and the Welsh Regiment from Ahmednagar. Both teams are well-known and their wide reputation should bring large crowd to witness the contest, which, we are sure, will prove a very interesting afternoon sport. We have been requested to state that those subscribers who have not received their tickets owing to the Bank holidays will find them on application at the entrance, also those who want season tickets can obtain them at the gate on payment of Rs. 5.

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL has appointed Mr. W. C. Webb, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Captain F. G. Hardcastle, Marine Surveyor, and Captain J. J. Efford, Marine Surveyor, to conduct an investigation into the circumstances attending the grounding of the s. s. "Ailsawaid," near Perim Island, on the 20th August. The investigation will be held in the Esplanade Police Court.

The same gentlemen have been also appointed to conduct an investigation into the circumstances under which the P. and O. S. N. Company's s. s "Coromandel" collided with the Victoria Dock wall, Bombay, on the 29th August.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 31ST AUGUST.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Oriental, Captain J. F. Jephson, with English mails of 31st August, arrived in Bombay harbour yesterday afternoon. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Cazaly Lieut	Pascoe Mr
Dower Mr J	Sprawson Lt Col
Jackson Capt	Som Mr P G
Kemp Mr	Tebendale Mr
Lincock Mr	Taylor Mr J
Neame Mr	

FROM MARSEILLES.

Abbott Rev J E	Haxter Mr
Anderson Major	Hall Lt Col
Ashworth Capt	Haig Lt Col
Bousfield Capt	Hare Major
Bosson Lieut Col	Howse Mr T R
Bosley Major	Hopkins Mr R A
Birney 2nd Lt	Jackson Capt
Bovill Lieut Col	Lawson Mr
Brazil Major	Le Fenore Mr
Braidi Mrs and child	Lee Lieut Col
Bright Mr A G	Lyon Clark Mr
Brandon Lt Col	MacNab Capt
Campbell Lieut Col	MacCartie Lieut Col
Carroll Major	McIntyre Mr
Clarkson Major	McNamara Lt Col and Miss
Crawford Major	Mercer Mr
Collen Mr J	Melville Capt
Donoys Lieut Col	Melville Capt H G
Dobson Major	Meyer Mr
Drury Major	Moore Mr L
Duer Capt C	Morison Lt Col
Edwin Mr E	Napier Hon and Mrs
Eyre Lt Col	Phillimore 2nd Lt
Fasken Col	Ranking Lt Col
Fagan Mr J L	Shore Major
Fraser Mr L G	Smith Capt
Fisher Capt	Stanyon Mr and Mrs
Gale Mr H	Spencer Surg Genl
Graham Lt Col	Vost Major
Grayfoot Major	Whitcomby Mr

FROM BRINDISI.

Browne Mr T R	Hill Mr
Cringle Capt	Menasseh Mr

FROM PORT SAID.—Ahmed Mr M

FROM ADEN.—Simpson Comdr

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, AUG. 31.

THE Great Eastern Dispute.—The delegates of the men concerned in the Great Eastern Railway dispute have agreed to wait until the second week in September for the company's reply to their representations. The manager of the railway had previously intimated that the directors hoped to be able to furnish a reply by that time.

The Taff Vale Strike.—Under the auspices of the Board of Trade negotiations have been conducted in the hope of arriving at a settlement of Taff Vale Railway strike, but they have not so far resulted in success.

General Sir John Adye, a distinguished officer, who during a 64 years' military career, had seen service in the Crimea, India, and Egypt, died on Sunday at the seat of Lord Armstrong, in Northumberland, where he was on a visit.

Mr. Henry Sidgwick, late Knightsbridge Professor of Moral Philosophy at Cambridge University, died on Tuesday.

Sir Saul Samuel who for 18 years till 1898 was Agent-General in England for New South Wales died on Wednesday in London.

General Sir C. Warren has arrived in England from South Africa.

Cricket.—Rain has considerably interfered with cricket. At Manchester, on Friday, Lancashire gained a decisive victory over Notts.—At Brighton, on Saturday, Yorkshire, in their second innings, had made 104 for eight wickets, and thereby secured a draw certain, when a heavy rainfall stopped play Yorkshire is thus not only champion county, but has come through the season without sustaining a single defeat.—At Leyton, the match between Essex and Middlesex was also a drawn game.—At Bristol, Gloucestershire beat Surrey, within a few minutes of time, by 11 runs.—At Canterbury, Kent easily beat Worcestershire.—At Southampton, Leicestershire defeated Hampshire.—At Lords, on Wednesday, Middlesex decisively beat Kent.—At Taunton, Somerset defeated Surrey by 26 runs.—At Portsmouth, Hampshire succeeded, by resolute defence, in drawing their match with Sussex.—At Worcester, the home team completed their second innings against Gloucestershire for 340, or 83 ahead ; and the 84 required for victory were obtained by the visitors at the cost of only two wickets.—At Leicester Leicestershire won against Derbyshire by an innings and 34 runs.

THE EMPIRE.

The War.—Lord Roberts reported last week that it seemed pretty certain that De Wet, finding it hopeless to make his way east was hard with his guns and wagons, had recrossed the Magaliesberg with a few mounted men with the intention of returning to the Orange River Colony.—On Friday General Pole-Carew occupied Belfast, and Lord Roberts proceeded thither on Saturday and met Generals Pole-Carew, Buller, and French. A combined movement against the concentrated Boer commandos, under Louis Botha's chief command, was commenced and fighting took place on Sunday over a perimeter of nearly 30 miles.—Lord Roberts, telegraphing on Monday evening, said that the movements of the army were necessarily slow on account of the great extent and difficult nature of the country, but on that day they had made a satisfactory advance with a considerable success. The work fell entirely on General Buller's troops and resulted in the capture of Bergendal, a very strong position two miles north-west of Dalmanutha railway station. The Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade formed the attacking party, the latter suffering most, but General Buller hoped the casualties did not exceed 50 or 60. A good many Boers were killed—some, who were on a rocky knoll, by lyddite shells. A "Pom Pom" was captured. It was, adds Lord Roberts, a fine performance : General Buller managed his troops very skilfully, and the combination of artillery and infantry fire was most effective.—General Buller's advance troops occupied Machadodorp on Tuesday, the Boers retreating north-ward.

Australia.—The final returns of the voting in Western Australia on the "referendum" on the Commonwealth Bill show that there were 44,704 affirmative and 10,691 negative votes.

Ashanti.—Colonel Willcocks, in a telegram from Bekwai of August 25, reports that two flying columns have returned there after ten days' very successful work, having cleared the whole eastern side of the country as far as Lake Busumakwe. Another column left on Friday to capture the large town of Dawtedi, six miles north of Kokofu. The enemy's forces, under the rebel chief Opoku, were completely defeated.

FOREIGN.

China.—According to an account contained in a telegram from General Gaselee, the attack on Peking was begun in the early morning of the 14th, and our troops had to make a forced march of 15 miles from Tung-chau in great heat. The British were on the extreme left, and marched on the south-east gate of the Chinese city with practically no opposition. General Gaselee then sent his available cavalry and the 24th Punjab Infantry to the Temple of Heaven to secure his left flank and a camping ground, and then the troops pushed on towards the Legations. At 3 p.m. they got on the canal, opposite the water-gate, and were signalled to from positions held by the garrison of the Legations on the city wall. The General, with some of his staff and about 70 Rajputana Sikhs, rushed across the almost dry moat and entered through the water gate without any loss. They found all well in the Legations, and Sir Claude MacDonald showed General Gaselee round the position with a view to further action. Meanwhile, the British field artillery were brought up to fire at the central gate of the Tartar city, but a sortie by Americans and Russians of the garrison along the wall anticipated the bombardment, and the gate was captured. Two field-guns were then brought into the Legation, and the rest sent back to the Temple of Heaven. About 5 p. m. the Americans under General Chaffee entered the Legations, and then moved on towards the Central gate of the Tartar city. During the evening there was a further engagement near the Temple of Heaven, and our troops, after inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, occupied the south gate of the Chinese city. Information from other sources shows that during the siege the Legations endured great hardships. The Chinese treacherously endeavoured to throw the garrison off their guard by informing them that orders had been given to cease firing. After the capture of the city the capital was taken under the control of the allied forces, the Dowager Empress, the Emperor, Prince Tuan, and other Chinese officials having fled. It was decided to respect the Forbidden City, which was placed under an international guard. The Europeans in Pei-tang Cathedral were relieved on August 17. The greater part of Peking is now a heap of ruins.—The French Admiral at Shanghai telegraphs to his Government that the Board of Admirals have informed the Peking Legations that they have resolved to hold Li Hung Chang a prisoner in the roadstead till the Diplomatic Corps shall be willing to open negotiations with him.

ITALY.—Bresci, the murderer of King Humbert, was on Wednesday tried at Milan, convicted, and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, AUGUST, 31.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Mr W M Crawford, B Cov	Mr H Luckstedt, B
Mr F K Cunliffe, B	Mr J S Slater, Bo
Mr H Godwin-Austin, B

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LORD ROBERTS AGAIN ADVANCES.

A STRUGGLE WITH BOTHA.

MACHADODORP OCCUPIED.

FINE WORK BY GENERAL BULLER.

CAPTURE OF OLIVIER.

(From the mail papers of Aug. 24 to 31.)

LORD ROBERTS has during the past week been engaged in important operations against General Botha, who, with a large number of Boers, had taken up strong defensive positions first at Belfast and next at Machadodorp. After several days' severe fighting in which, however, the British losses were happily not heavy, General Buller occupied Machadodorp on Tuesday. The Boers offered a poor stand, and fled precipitately. Generals French and Pole-Carew have been co-operating in these latest operations, which it is hoped, will result in finally breaking the back of the Boer resistance.

Commandant Olivier has been captured by General Bruce-Hamilton. De Wet has returned to the Orange River Colony.

BELFAST OCCUPIED BY POLE-CAREW.

FRENCH MOVING.

Lord Roberts telegraphs as follows to the Secretary of State for War:—

Wonderfontein, August 24, 6.10 p.m.—On arrival here this evening I received a telegram from Pole-Carew informing me that he occupied Belfast to-day, apparently without opposition. Enemy are holding ridges between Belfast and Dalmanutha.

Buller's column is at Leeuwkloof, about six miles south-west of Dalmanutha. French, with four brigades of cavalry, is moving to the east of Machadodorp.

Methuen reports his arrival at Zeerust and being in communication with Carrington.

There is a welcome green over the veldt, which I hope means that our riding and transport animals will get some grazing shortly. They have fared badly of late.

BOER ATTEMPT TO TRAP CAVALRY.

SEVERE LOSS BY THE LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

The following despatch has been received by the War Office from Lord Roberts:—

Wonderfontein, August 24, 8.55 p. m.—Buller reports that he met with considerable opposition from the enemy yesterday. They tried early in the day to lay a trap for the cavalry, and opened upon them at fairly short range with a long-range 15-pounder and pom-poms. These guns were, however, silenced by a section of the 21st Battery, under Lieutenant Rainsford-Hannay, and the trap failed. The firing had ceased, and pickets were being placed for the night, when by some mistake the firing line of two companies Liverpool Regiment advanced about 1,500 yards into a hollow, out of sight of the main body, where they were surrounded by Boers and suffered severely. The casualties during the day were:—South African Light Horse,—Wounded (since dead), Captain A. Savory and two men. Royal Artillery.—Killed: One man. Wounded: Lieutenant F. Rainsford-Hannay, slightly, and two men. Army Veterinary Department.—Wounded: Lieutenant J. Steele, slightly. 1st Liverpool Regiment.—Killed; 10 men. Wounded: Captain Plomer and 45 man. Missing: 32. Captain Plomer was taken prisoner. Leicester Regiment.—Killed: 1. Wounded: 6. Missing: 1. 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—Wounded: 1.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR BELFAST.

BOERS DETERMINED STAND.

The following telegram from Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War was received on Monday:—

Belfast, August 26, 10,55 p.m.—We have been engaged with the enemy during the greater part of the day over a perimeter of nearly 30 miles. Lyttelton's Division, with two brigades of cavalry, the whole under Buller, operated south west of Dalmanutha. French, with two brigades of cavalry, moved north by the west of Belfast, driving the enemy to Lekensvly, on the Belfast-Lydenburg road. As soon as French reached Lekensvly, Pole-Carew, with the Guards Brigade of the 11th Division, advanced from Belfast in support. The enemy had evidently been considerably strengthened on north and east, and stubbornly opposed both Buller's and Pole-Carew's advance. They brought three Long Toms, many other guns, and pom-poms into action, and the firing until quite dark was hot and persistent. Buller hopes that his casualties are no more than forty. Pole-Carew has not reported yet, and French names only one—Captain Harrison, of the Scots Greys, who is dangerously wounded. The Boers are making a determined stand, and have collected a large number of guns. The country is difficult, and well suited to their tactics, and less favourable to cavalry movements than that we have hitherto worked over.

A STRONG POSITION CAPTURED.

Lord Roberts has sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State for War:—

Belfast, August 27, 7.25 p.m.—Our movements are necessarily slow, on account of the great extent and difficult nature of the country over which we are operating, but to-day we have made satisfatory advance and met with a decided success. The work fell entirely on General Buller's troops, and resulted in capture of Bergendal, a very strong position about two miles north-west of Dalmanutha railway station. I met Buller at Bergendal shortly after it was reached by our troops, and was glad to find that his occupation had cost us less than I feared might be the case on account of the approach to the position being across an open glacis for two or three thousand yards and the determined stand made by the enemy. The Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade formed the attacking party. The latter regiment suffered most, Buller could not give me the number of casualties. I hope they do not exceed fifty or sixty. Captain G. L. Lysley is killed, and Lieutenant-Colonel Metcalfe and Captain W. O. W. Stewart wounded, the latter very seriously. A good many Boers were killed, some, who were on a rocky knoll, by lyddite shells. A pom-pom was captured. It was a fine performance. General Buller managed his troops very skilfully, and the combination of artillery and infantry fire was most effective. On the left of our position French advanced to Swarte Kopjes on the Lydenburg road and prepared the way for the movement of Pole-Carew's division to-morrow.

HOW BERGENDAL WAS CAPTURED.

BULLER'S FULL REPORT.

Lord Roberts telegraphs as follows to the War Office:—

Belfast, August 28, 4.15 p.m.—Buller's report of yesterday's operations is as follows:—

Begins:—Finding it impossible to obtain on the 26th August artillery position whence we could assist an infantry attack, the force moved this morning (the 27th) upon a ridge which runs from Belfast on the south side of the railway towards Dalmanutha. On approaching the ridge it was found to be strongly occupied, but having obtained a good artillery position I directed the fire of all our guns upon Bergendal Farm, the kopjes of which apparently formed the left of the Boer position. After a heavy bombardment, the kopjes were brilliantly assaulted by the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, supported by the 1st Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers. The place is a natural fortress, surrounded by a glacis of about 1,500 yards, absolutely without cover. It was taken with great dash. We captured a pom-pom and mules complete, 19 prisoners, and about 20 of the enemy's dead were left on the position. I fear that the Rifle Brigade, on whom the brunt of the fighting fell, suffered rather heavily. I much regret to have to report that Colonel Metcalfe, who led his regiment most gallantly and whose dispositions were excellent, was severely wounded. The capture of the kopjes enabled us to occupy the whole ridge from both sides of which the enemy appeared to have retreated. It was a very long, trying day for the artillery, who did right well. (Report ends.) The casualties, as Buller surmised, were chiefly amongst the Rifle Brigade. All the wounded who could be moved are now being brought in here by train, and will be sent on to Pretoria. The bad cases must remain at Bergendal for the present. The Boers had determined to make a desperate resistance, but about noon a rumour was spread that the whole of the Johannesburg Police, by whom the kopje was chiefly defended, were killed and the force broke up. Buller is now marching on Machadrdoop, and French and Pole-Carew by a more northern route on Watervalonder.

BULLER'S SUCCESS.

The Boer position at Bergendal was taken on Monday afternoon by Sir Redvers Buller's force, after two days' severe fighting. The enemy held the eastern base of the main Bergendal ridge from the Little Komadi River. We followed the ridge to this place (says the 'Standard's" correspondent), fighting all the way. The Boers fought most obstinately, using four guns and two pom-poms.

Lord Roberts, from a position at Belfast, watched the concluding of the finest part of the engagement, the feature of which was a splendid charge by the Rifle Brigade. The Boers held their ground determinedly, among them being 200 of the Rand Police who held a small rocky kopje—a natural fortress, which a farmhouse in front—which required three hours' shelling. Finally, salvoes of lyddite were fired and then the Rifles made a gallant charge over the flat and up the kopje, forcing the Rand Police to vacate their fastness. Commandant Oothuizan and eleven men were taken prisoners in this fight, and twelve Boers were found dead and eight wounded. Among the dead is Lieutenant Fohlman. One pom-pom was captured from the enemy.

General Buller (says the "Express" correspondent) had something like forty guns in action. The Boers were not in the least dismayed at the formidable character of the onslaught, but fought with the utmost bravery. I have had opportunities of seeing them make several firm stands, and I am convinced that their tenacity in this encounter was not equalled even in Natal before the relief of Ladysmith. Our lyddite shells burst beautifully, and must have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Yellow patches on the dark background across which the Boers retired were clearly indicated. The fire of the naval guns was terrific. But the ifeature of the battle was the magnificent work of the Rifle Brigade, assisted by the Inniskillings and the Davens. It fell to them to take the Boer position, an ideal one, marked by huge boulders and numerous trees which provided admirable shelter. Our guns pounded away at this kopje for two hours and a half, but the Boers in charge of a pom-pom never flinched. Finally the order was given for the infantry to fix bayonets and charge. It was a magnificent rush that they made. The Boers contested every inch of the ground, but the infantry pressed on and took the position. The Boer loss from the charge was severe. I counted ten dead bodies in one heap and the kopje was strewn with thirty-five wounded, whom the Boers in their flight had left behind.

THE FINAL CHARGE WITH THE BAYONET.

Other correspondents describing the fight say that when the word was given to charge, the Rifle Brigade, supported by the Inniskillings, swept forward with fixed bayonets. The enemy poured a heavy fire into their ranks, and contrary to experience, the Rand man held tenaciously to their positions until the Riflemen burst in upon them. There was short, sharp work with the bayonet, but most of the Boers fled before the charge could be pressed home.

GENERAL FRENCH'S OPERATIONS.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent, in a message dated Tuesday evening, says:—To-day General French swung round from the west towards the north, and saw 1,000 Boers, who, after some light artillery and musketry fire had been exchanged, trekked towards Lydenburg. General French occupied Swarte Kopjes, twelve miles north of Belfast. The Boers are still in front of him with their guns, including a Long Tom. The cavalry division has halted to cover General Pole-Carew's movement. The Eleventh Division (Pole-Carew's) has only advanced a few miles, meeting with considerable opposition from the cannon and Mausers of the Boers, who were posted in a strong position of rocky ridges and kopjes, and also a boggy round. The total casualties of the Eleventh Divsion yesterday were about forty, and to-day about ten.

MACHADODORP OCCUPIED BY BULLER.

BOERS MAKE A VERY POOR STAND.

The following despatch from Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War was issued from the War Office on Wednesday:—

Belfast, August 23 (6-40 p.m.)—Buller's advance troops occupied Machadodorp this afternoon.

The enemy made a very poor stand and retired in a northerly direction, followed by Dundonald's mounted troops. These could not, however, proceed beyond Helvetia on account of the difficult nature of the country and because the enemy were able to take up a position too strong to be dislodged by mounted men. Buller appears to have had very few casualties. The only one mentioned is Lieutenant-Colonel Blackwood, Indian Staff Corps, whose horse was shot and himself hit in the leg. French continued his movements to-day as far as Eland-fontein, from which place he turned the enemy out without difficulty. They retired very rapidly, leaving their cooked food behind them. French can see Machadodorp from Elandsfontein and is in signalling communication with Buller. Paget reports the death of a very promising officer Lieutenant D. M. M. Oliver, Norfolk Regiment, who was killed in encounter with one of the enemy's despatch riders.

THE CAPTURE OF MACHADODORP.

Pretoria, Tuesday evening.—Despatches have just been received here from the front stating that General Buller's operations have been entirely successful. His advance guard reached Machadodorp to-day, and the appearance of the British troops was immediately followed by the retreat of the Boers, who fled in the wildest confusion. This reassuring news has put the garrison in the highest spirits.—Central News.

PRISONERS HEAR THE GUNS.

Hearing the big-gun firing, the prisoners at Nooit gedacht became very excited and refractory; therefore the Boers issued a proclamation threatening severe punishment for insubordination.

General Botha (says the "Mail's" correspondent has issued a proclamation to the burghers to the effect that any one deserting or retiring without orders during an engagement will be shot without mercy or warning. All Boer official papers and documents have been removed to Waterval-onder. No officials, high or low, have received any salary for a considerable time consequently there is much distress among them.

THE HEALTH OF THE TROOPS AT THE FRONT.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

The following telegram from Lord Roberts dated Belfast, August 25, 5.5 p.m., was received at the War Office on Monday:—I arrived here early this morning, and had a meeting at noon with Buller, French, and Pole-Carew. The latter reports that his casualties in occupying this place yesterday were: Wounded—Lieutenant W. G. Talbot (? Lieutenant W. G. Tarbet), 1st Yorkshire Mounted Infantry, slight, and 13 men. We had 13 degrees of frost last night. Health of troops in the front is very good, and has improved. I am thankful to say, throughout South Africa. Ian Hamilton reports having captured near Pienaars River Station 13 Boers, several Cape carts, 500 cattle, and 1,150 sheep.

A BRITISH GARRISON RESCUED.

SKILFUL DEFENCE BY A FORCE OF YEOMANRY.

Lord Roberts, in a despatch from Belfast, dated August 26, reports as follows:—On the afternoon of the 24th I received a report from Winburg that Lieutenant-Colonel Ridley, of the Imperial Yeomanry, with 250 mounted men and 25 infantry, had been attacked while out reconoitring by a very much larger body of the enemy, and it was feared he would be overpowered. I ordered Hunter to proceed at once from Heilbron to Kronstad, and to despatch as many of Bruce Hamilton's Brigade as could be sent by railway, mounted portion of the brigade to move by forced march to Ventersburg, and to co-operate with the Winburg troops. These moves were carried out most expeditiously, and I have just had the satisfaction of hearing that Ridley's small force was received early this morning by Bruce Hamilton. Ridley seems to have taken up a position in a farm, and to have defended it very skilfully. He was opposed by about 1,000 Boers with two guns, and had some 30 casualties. A small moveable column under Lieutenant-Colonel White R. A., was despatched by General Kelly-Kenny in the hope of drawing off the enemy's attention from Ridley's party. His casualties were:—Yeomanry: Lieutenant B. H. Jones, wounded in arm, slight. Farrier Sergeant R. P. Williams killed, and five men missing. Rundle reports that 169 Boers have surrendered at Harrismith, and that the mounted troops of Boyes' Brigade had reached Vrede.

DE WET'S FORCES SCATTERED.

THE BOER LEADER ABANDON'S HIS WAGGONS.

Pretoria, August 25.—During the last few day the operations conducted by Generals Baden-Powell and Paget have been successful, inasmuch as they have prevented De Wet from going west. General Baden-Powell, by dint of hard marching, headed him off, while General Paget supported. Part of the operations occurred in the bush veldt, where, owing to the density of the vegetation, it was impossible to see more than a few yards in front. As a result, the advance guard of the enemy and that of General Baden-Powell, under Colonel Spreckley, practically came face to face, and loss ensued on both sides. The enemy, however, probably suffered most, since they retired precipitately. De Wet crossed the Magaliesberg range, going southward. He was accompanied by only a few men, the rest of his commando having apparently dispersed. De Wet took no waggons with him. He crossed the range by a bridle path.—Reuter.

DAMAGES THE POTCHEFSTROOM RAILWAY.

A commando of 250 Theron's scouts, believed to be led by Christian De Wet, has crossed the railway south-west of Krugersdorp and blown up the track. General Ridley's mounted infantry captured two men of this force when crossing the Magaliesberg. They say that the long and harassing chase of the past fortnight greatly exhausted De Wet's followers.

C.I.V.'S SUMMONED TO SURRENDER.

A BOER RUSE.

Krugersdorp, August 24.—General Delarey and a large force of Boers appeared in front of Bank Station on the Johannesburg-Potchefstroom line, and summoned the garrison, which consisted of the City Imperial Volunteers under Lord Athamarle, to surrender. Lord Athamarle declined. Subsequently De Wet crossed the railway near Banks, moving towards the Orange River Colony. Delarey's summon was apparently a ruse to cover De Wet's movements.—Reuter.

DE WET NEAR HEILBRON.

WILL HE GET A FOLLOWING?

Pretoria, August 27.—General De Wet has appeared in the neighbourhood of Heilbron.—Reuter.

Pretoria, August 27.—De Wet's presence in the Orange River Colony is disquieting, but he is only accompanied by a small force. The coincidence of the Harrismith surrender with De Wet's return leads to the belief that the Free Staters are unwilling to join another serious expedition.—Reuter.

CAPTURE OF COMMANDANT OLIVER.

DESPATCH FROM LORD ROBERTS.

Lord Roberts telegraphs that Bruce Hamilton captured Commandant Olivier on Sunday morning at Winburg. The text of the despatch is as follows:—

Belfast, August 27, 12.25 p.m.

23th August.—The enemy attacked Winburg on three sides this morning. They were beaten back with considerable loss by Bruce-Hamilton, who succeeded in capturing General Oliver and his three sons, a very important capture as Olivier has been moving spirit among the Boers in the south-east portion of the Orange River Colony throughout the war.

Commandant Olivier, it will be remembered, defeated General Gatacre at Stormberg last December, and recently when Commandant Prinsloo surrendered made his escape from Hunter's and Rundle's cordon.

(To be concluded.)

THE PLAUGE IN GLASGOW.

THERE is no doubt that bubonic plauge has broken out in Glasgow. A week ago a girl died in the house of her parents in Thistle Street under circumstances which pointed to pneumonia as the cause. On the following day, however, the mother and two sons also became ill, and were removed to Belvidere Hospital, where the medical staff detected symptoms of the dreaded bubonic plauge. The advice of Professor Muir, who has made a study of the disease, was sought, and his diagnosis, confirmed the opinion of the resident staff, who at first thought the patients were suffering from enteric fever.

Upon the matter being reported to the sanitary authorities, immediate steps were taken to prevent the spread of the disease. It appears that the mother of the girl who died, a Mrs. Molloy, attended a wake in the house of a dock labourer the week before last, and remained there two hours. A day or two later her daughter Christina, aged 10, sickened and died, and on the following day Mrs. Molloy and her two sons, Patrick, aged 20, and William John, aged three, also became ill, apparently from the same cause. The three were removed to the hospital, where Patrick died on Aug. 28. After the Molloys had been removed to the hospital the infected house was throughly fumigated, while 10 families comprising 40 persons, were conveyed to the reception house, there to be kept under the observation of the medical officer of health.

The tenement in which the outbreak has originated is one of the oldest in the neighbourhood, and consists almost entirely of one room and kitchen houses of the poorer class. There still remain in the tenement a large number of persons who have been in continuation with those now under the supervision of the authorities. Three new cases, all among children, were reported on Aug. 29.

The other day the Glasgow medical officer of health authorised a statement that a death in hospital there on the 27th was due to bubonic plague. It was reported that the number of cases of the disease had increased to 11, but the medical officer of health stated at night that there were no new cases and no deaths. The shiping official of Glasgow and the Clyde ports have been officially notified that bubonic plauge exists in the city, and it is believed that quarantine regulations will in consequence be put in force.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE NATIVE PRINCES ON TOUR.

The "Indian Spectator" justifies the action taken by the Government of India with a view to check the frequent visits of Native Princes to Europe. Our contemporary remarks:—It seems to be felt in some quarters, where it is recognised that the abuse of frequent visits of some Native Princes to Europe required to be checked, that the means adopted, of expressing their views on the subject, by the Government of India, was not the best that could have been chosen. A confidential circular, perhaps, would, in their opinion, have been more appropriate. We do not agree in this view. The Viceroy has given ample proof of his solicitude for the dignity and prestige of Native rulers. When they have done well, his Excellency has been generous and even lavish in their praise. It is, therefore, unjust to say that the Government of India adopted the medium of an open circular, out of lack of consideration for Native rulers. What they evidently desire, by the public expression of their views on such questions, is to interest and to educate public opinion, and to make it a potent factor in the preservation, pure and undefiled of ideals of public life and conduct, in the Indian Empire. Viceroys come and go; their influence is subject to vicissitudes on this account. But public opinion is constant; it does not change with a change in the Government.

A MILLOWNER ON THE CORPORATION.

The "Rast Goftar" is strongly in favour of a representative of the millowners on the Municipal Corporation. Says our contemporary: There was much force in the argument of Mr. Bomanjee Petit in favour of giving the Cotton Millowners' Association a right of direct Municipal representation, co-extensive with that of the Chamber of Commerce and the University. Bombay would not be the city it is were it not for its mill industry, and there are more reasons than one why the millowners should be given the right which Mr. Petit demands on their behalf. More than ten crores of rupees, said the honourable member, have been invested in the industry, it pays to the Municipality a twelfth of the total taxes levied, and gives employment to seventy thousand operatives. The right of sending members to the Corporation is given to less important interest than that of the millowners. Mr. Petit expressed the hope that before the next Municipal Elections, in January next, Government will of its own motion bring forward an amendment to this effect. We dare say most of Mr. Petit's brother-millowners join in this hope, and are anxious to be directly represented in the civic chamber. It is to be hoped that Government will not fail to see the justice of Mr. Petit's demand. It seems to us to be perfectly reasonable, and there should be no objection to grant it in due time.

APPOINTMENT OF MASTER IN EQUITY.

Referring to the appointment of Mr J. J. Gazdar as acting Master in Equity, which was announced in these columns some days ago, the "Kaiser-i-Hind" observes: It has been recognized on all hands that our Chief Justice is quite free from the bias and prejudices that fetter an average Anglo-Indian in this country. In the distribution of appointments in the various departments of the High Court he is influenced by nothing else but considerations of seniority and merit alone. He has given one more striking instance of this by his appointing Mr. J. J. Gazdar, M. A., Barrister-at-Law, to act as Master in Equity, in place of Mr. A. K. Oliver, who is going to England on three months' leave. The post of Master in Equity is next in importance to a judgeship of the High Court. We believe till now a native of this country has never been appointed even to act in that post. We feel grateful to our Chief Justice for appointing one of our own distinguished countrymen to this very responsible post. Mr. Gazdar's merits are too well known to require any mention here. We congratulate the High Court authorities upon their selection.

MATHEMATICS AND CRICKET.

Mr. Selby, of the Deccan College, is said to have suggested that the next Professor of Mathematics in the College should be a good cricketer. The "Indian Spectator" states: His Excellency the Governor paid a visit to the Deccan College, last week. In thanking Lord Northcote for the visit, the Principal, Mr. Selby, is reported to have suggested that the Professorship of Mathematics in the College, when it was vacated, as it will be in a few months by its present holder, should be filled by one who had a proficiency in that subject as well as in the game of cricket. Without undervaluing the benefit derived from healthy out-door sports by students, one might hold that it is undesirable to exact two qualifications, so remotely related to each other as proficiency in Mathematics and in cricket, from a single person. The chair to be filled is that of Mathematics, and not of Mathematics and Cricket. There is no more reason why a Professor of Mathematics should be an expert cricketer than why a Professor of Moral Philosophy should be a seasoned backwoodsman.

IS GUJERAT OVER-ASSESSED?

The "Indian Spectator" puts the question "Is Gujerat over-assessed as a province?" and seems disposed to answers it in the negative. Our contemporary proceeds:—If by over-assessment is meant the assessing of the cultivator's own improvements, or of by-products as well as products, there seems to be something in the cry raised by our public critics. But that is evidently not the sense in which they use the word; nor is the present the time for a consideration of irrelevant sidesissues and details of revenue collection. These must be carried back to first principles, and in the latter from they must be discussed and settled by experts, official and non-official. We need a Commisson of Inquiry for this purpose; probably the next Famine commissi on will take up the subject. What is of urgent need now is to settle the question whether Gujarat as a whole has been over-assessed. From what one could see and hear he is disposed to answer the question in the negative.

THE UNIVERSITY AND ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The "Kasir-i-Hind, fails to see why the University Senate have retained the oral examination for the final B. A., and goes on to remark; it must be remembered that a student going up for the Final B. A has more at stake than a student going up for any other examination. The scope and standard of subjects at the Final B. A. are very wide in as much as they involve a two years' course. Now, if a student once fails at the Final B. A. by reason of the capriciousness of the oral examiner he shall have again, in order to go up for it the following year, to wade through the two years' course within one year. So we entirely fail to see why the Senate after condemning the oral examination for the Previous and the Intermediate, have retained it for the Final B. A. It has been said that it was done as a matter of compromise. Compromise with whom and on what account? Even if it be a compromise, it is a compromise which has no justification and sense about it. In a matter like this no combromise ought to be arrived at; it is a matter of principle and of nothing else.

The Gujerati remarks:—It is difficult to understand the principle on which the University has decided to abolish the "viva voce" test in languages at the Intermediate and Previous Examinations and re-introduce it in compulsory languages at the B. A. examination. The reasons stated by Mr. Setalwad for the first part of the resolution which was accepted by the Senate apply as much against the second part. If the test of an oral examination is of an unreliable and capricious character in the earlier examinations, we do not knew how it becomes a correct guide for testing students' knowledge in the higher examination.

THE M.P.S.' PRETORIA LETTERS.

SPEECH BY EARL GREY AT NEWPORT.

SPEAKING at a Unionist demonstration near Newport (Mon.) August 30, Earl Grey said that the cloud of a General Election was on the horizon. When it would burst nobody could tell, although it looked as if it would come upon them very shortly. In the crisis which the country was going through every elector should do his duty, in which case the Government would emerge strengthened and triumphant. (Cheers.)

Earl Grey did not, he said, care about the miserable stuff written by Dr. Clark and Mr. Labouchere. It was the letters of Sir Henry de Villiers and Mr. Merriman about which he, and about which the country, should be concerned. The former, referring to the attitude of Mr. Chamberlain, had more than once stated that Mr. Chamberlain had again held out the olive branch. Writing to Mr. Fischer and Mr. Steyn, he said: "If only I could have anticipated that Kruger would have acted as he has acted, I would have done everything in my power to impress upon my fellow Commissioners in 1881 not to hand over the Transvaal to President Kruger under the conditions it was handed over. "I would have advised her Majesty's Government to continue the war." From the letters of Messrs. Villiers and Merriman they were unable to form any other conclusion than that the war was deliberately forced upon England, and that Sir Alfred Milner and Mr. Chamberlain deserved the greatest possible praise for the way in which they had conducted the negotiations with a view to maintaining peace. (Cheers.) His one mistake which, in his opinion, they had made was the the terms they offered arrpd on the side of moderation. Their policy in the future would be one of equal rights, and he looked forward with hope, because as soon as the settlement was commenced, they would be able to convince the Boers that they were to be treated on terms of absolute equality, as a result of which the animosity to the British of which they had heard so much would slowly but gradually die away. (Cheers.)

IN Mr. Sonnenschein's translation, for English readers, a complete handbook on the subject, the illustrations age all authentic. The pictures, of icebergs, the sea and landscapes, the old maps, pictures of ships, portraits are taken exclusively from works of travel. Some of the illustrations have not been published before. Among these are reproductions from Dr. John Murray's drawings of icebergs first taken during the expedition of the Challenger. Besides the illustrations there is a general map of Antartica. Though the French Government does not appear to have taken any direct share in the present revival of Antarctic voyaging, it is worthy of note that the first South Polar expedition was organized by the French "Compagnie des Indes" in 1738. Captain Cook's voyages followed. "Something like a division of labour," says the German writer, "was made between the English and French, whose Governments alone sent out numerous expeditions, the English devoting their attention principally to the surface of our earth, and to new geographical discovery, the French to the scientific investigation of the new phenomena."

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THE ALLEGED FRAUD ON THE CHARTERED BANK.

THE case against Kasava Row Mudali and Ganapathy Chetty, the accused concerned with the alleged fraud of Rs. 70,000 on the Bombay Branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, was resumed in Madras on Tuesday.

Mr. Alan Daly, instructed by Mr. Brightwell of Messrs. Barclay, Orr and David, appeared for the Bank.

Mr. S. Gurusamy Chetty defended the first accused, while Mr. F. Napier defended the second.

When the Court re-assembled after lunch, the prosecution examined Mr. M. B. Kaka, ledger-keeper of the Chartered Bank, Bombay, who said he knew the second accused. He saw him on the 21st of July in the Bank. He produced a draft for Rs. 70,000 from the Chartered Bank of Madras. He presented it to the witness for Payment. Witness took the draft and gave him a metallic token bearing No. 14. Witness next marked the draft in the Bills payable book. The draft next went to the cash department, and never came to the witness again. Witness directed the second accused to go to the cash department with the token. The token was given to him that he might take the money. When the token was presented the payment would be made. In the evening after the payment was made, the draft was filed. Witness was quite certain that the second accused was the man who presented the draft and to whom he gave the token. Subsequently he was produced before the witness for identification. He identified the second accused as the man who presented the draft for payment.

Cross-examined by Mr. Napier, witness said that it was his special business to attend to drafts and cheques. About 50 drafts and cheques would pass through his hands daily. He knew the signature of the Agent to the Bank. If he had thought that the signature in the draft was not that of the Agent, he would not have passed it. The signature therein was a good imitation. The forgery was nicely done. Witness, and the sub-Accountant, Mr. Taylor, would scrutinise the signatures in the drafts and cheques presented for payment. Witness expected that he would have to identify when the man who committed the fraud was brought before him. Enquiries were made of the witness by the Bombay police. In connection with this case no other man except the second accused was brought before the witness for identification. The police brought the second accused before the witness. His official superiors in the Bombay branch did not ask him any questions about this matter.

Re-examined by Mr. Daly witness said that a draft for Rs. 70,000 was an unusually large one. It was the first of the kind that came from the Madras branch.

Mr. J. B. Bomjee, examined by Mr. Daly, said that he was assistant cashier in the Chartered Bank of Bombay. He saw the second accused on the 21st of July at the Chartered Bank. He brought a token, which was presented to the witness along with the tokens of other merchants. As witness could not find the draft represented by the token, he sent him back to the ledger-keeper. The second accused represented the token about 10 minutes after, when the draft had reached the witness. There was not enough cash in his bank to meet the draft, and he handed in the draft to Mr. Scott, Sub-Accountant, to draw a cheque for that amount on the Bank of Bombay. During all this time, which was nearly half an hour, the second accused was in full view of the witness. The second accused was very impatient to receive the cheque as it was a Saturday, and the Bank of Bombay would close in the afternoon. On the 20th August he was brought again to the Chartered Bank. Inspector Botha Guruswamy Naidu asked the witness if he knew the man. He replied he was the man who took the cheque for Rs. 70,000, in respect of which he presented a draft. Witness had heard of the fraud before the man was brought for identification.

Cross-examined by Mr. Napier, witness said that he made a statement to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, but he never made any other to his official superiors or to any member of the Police. He had read of the fraud in the "Times of India." He expected a man to be brought to the bank for the purpose of identification. Witness had not discussed this case with the previous witness.

No re-examination.

Anantha Row Veenayall, clerk in the shroff's department of the Bank of Bombay, said that it was his duty to register the cheques presented for payment. The second accused presented the cheque for payment. On Saturday, 21st of July, witness paid the second accused for the chebue presented to him, seventy currency notes of one-thousand rupees each. One o'clock was the closing hour on Saturdays, and the cheque must have been presented between half past 12 and 1. Witness asked the second accused his name. He gave it as S. Krishnan, which was written on the reverse of the cheque. The word *paid* on the endorsement was written by the witness. The second accused was before the witness for five minutes. At the time, second accused was before the witness, there might have been one or two others. On the 20th of August, the second accused came to the Bank of Bombay in company with some policemen. Witness was asked if he could recognize the second accused. He said he could and identified him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Napier, witness said that "bearer" cheques were paid without any investigation on the strength of the signature of the bank Witness heard of the fraud for Rs. 70,000 a few days after he made the payment of Rs. 70,000. He presumed the fraud must have been in respect to the cheque he paid for. When the man was brought to his bank by the policemen, there was a great crowd and commotion in the Bank. Witness made a statement to a European Police Officer.

Re-examined by Mr. Daly, witness said that his statement to the Police Officer was concerning the personal appearance of the second accused.

By the Court.—He made no statement to his superior officers in Bombay about this case.

Mr. P. Kaka was called again by Mr. Daly. He deposed:—The second accused came back to him about ten or fifteen minutes after he received the token and told him that the draft had not gone to the cash department. Witness told him that that was a mail day and that he would have to wait for some time. On receipt of that answer he went away. He did not come to him again.

No cross-examination.

Further enquiry was adjourned.

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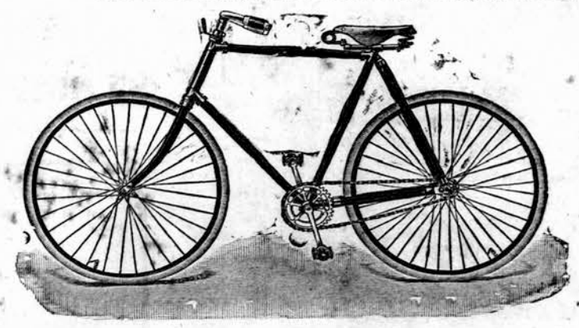

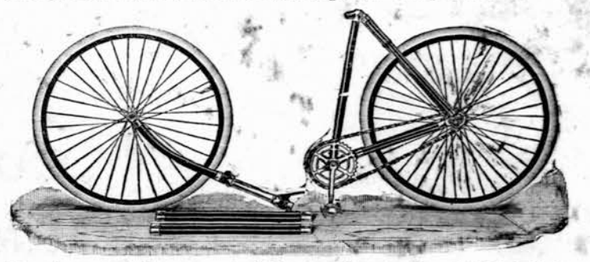

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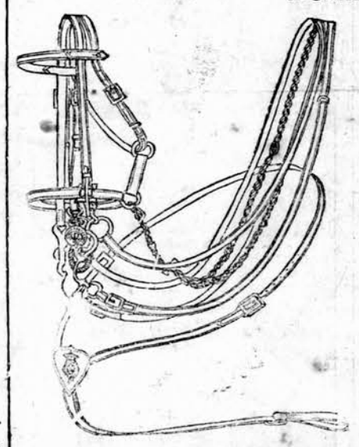

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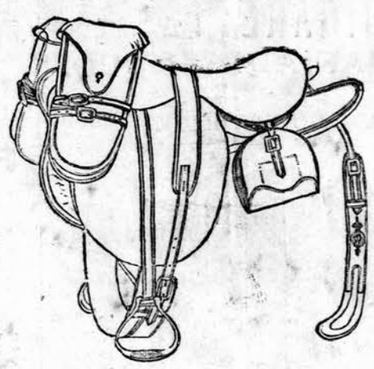

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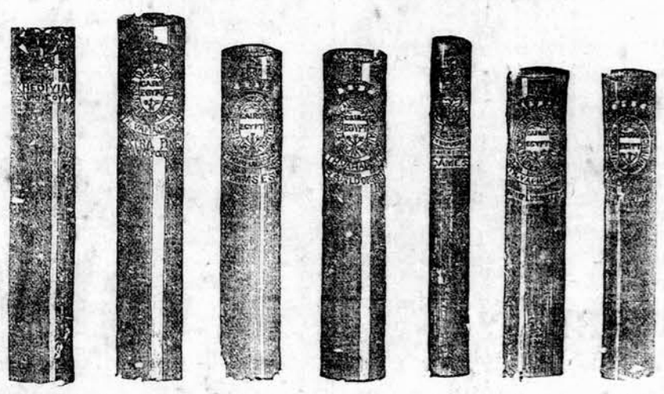

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